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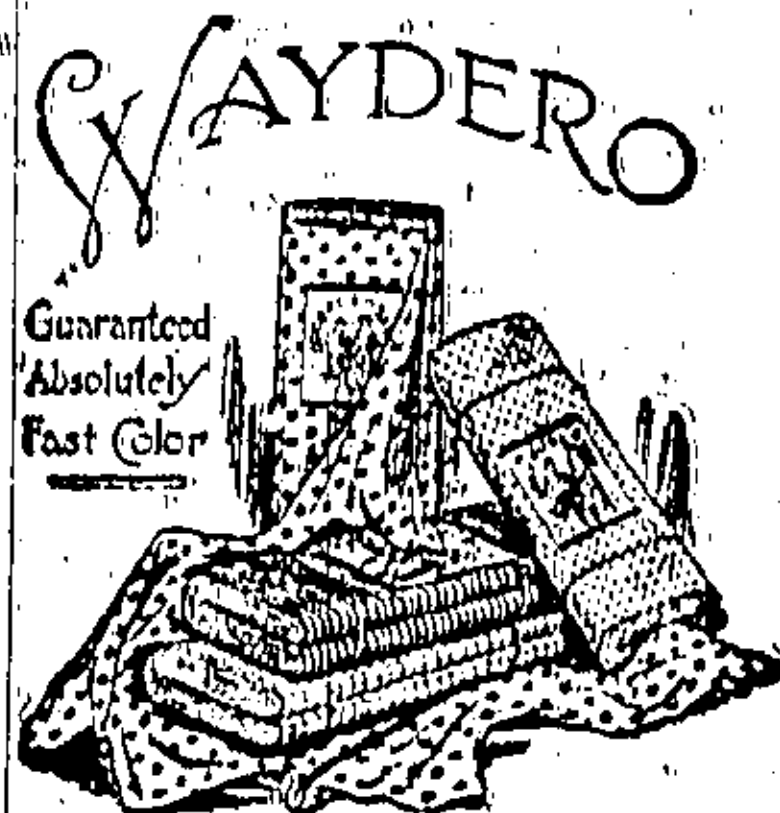
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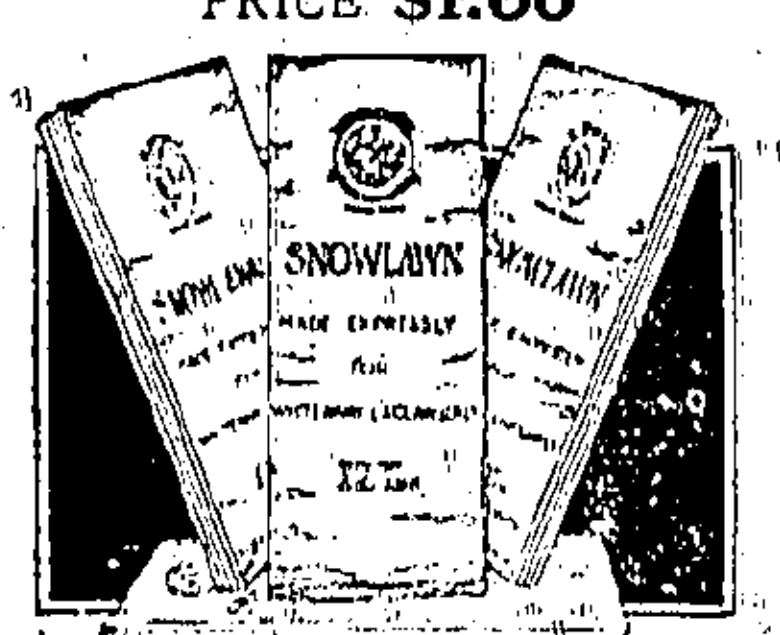


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MADAME BORODIN.

Charged With Possessing Military Secrets.
COURIERS EXECUTED.
Trunks Containing Soviet Propaganda.

Latest reports from the North state that Madame Borodin has been charged with possessing military information.
The Soviet Embassy in Peking is greatly alarmed, and the Soviet Consul has left Shanghai for Nanking to attempt her release.
The three Russian couriers arrested with Madame Borodin are reported to have been executed by orders of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang.
The Soviet steamer "Pamiat Lenina" is said to have been carrying ammunition and the courier's trunks are said to have contained Soviet propaganda.

STORY OF THE ARREST.

Mme. Borodin Under Maiden Name.

Shanghai, March 10.
It is confirmed that Madame Borodin was arrested at Pukow by Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's troops and taken to Tsinan-fu.
She was returning to Hankow after a visit to Shanghai, where she placed her 12-year old son on a Vladivostok steamer en route for Moscow.
It transpires that she is charged with being in possession of plans of Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's military dispositions and other military information.
Arrested with her and also taken to Tsinan-fu were three Soviet emissaries who claimed diplomatic status and immunity from search. It is stated their trunks contained Soviet propaganda.
The Soviet Consul left for Nanking last night to attempt their releases.

According to White Russians from Nanking, the Soviet steamer "Pamiat Lenina" ("Memory of Lenin") was going to Hankow and was stopped at Pukow by Customs officials and Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's police who searched the vessel, resulting in the arrest of Madame Borodin travelling under her maiden name.
The steamer was seized and the Red Flag hauled down.
Soviet quarters in Shanghai state that the woman was travelling privately on family matters.—Reuter.

SOVIET ALARM.

Chang Tsung-chang's Unrelenting Attitude.

Peking, March 9.
The news of the seizure of Madame Borodin, which was at first discredited, is now causing much perturbation at the Soviet Embassy, where it is pointed out that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang has resolutely declined to have

OPIUM PACT.

POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES.

London, March 9.
In the House of Commons, replying to a question whether the United States Government had come to any decision with regard to signing the Opium Convention of 1925, Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said he had no information regarding this, but the United States Government had recently been invited to define its position in this respect.—Reuter.

Man From Far East.
Geneva, March 9.
The Council has appointed Mr. L. A. Lyall assessor to the Opium Commission, owing to his knowledge of the situation in the Far East.—Reuter.

A Tell-Tale List.
London, March 9.
A list of opium and drug seizures, drawn up by the League of Nations and issued to a London firm of publishers, has been withdrawn on receipt of a telegram from Geneva.
It is supposed that some country concerned objected to the publication of these details.
The League Committee's report has not yet been passed by the Council and is unpublished.—Reuter.

HUTS FOR TROOPS.

Samshuipo Reclamation Activity.
SAILINGS OF TRANSPORTS.

The s.s. "Meganitic," which took Major-General Duncan and troops to Shanghai and arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, left here at noon for Home with a few details and men invalided from

OUR \$50 PRIZE.
Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.
The result of the "China Mail's" seventh Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Seven competitors tied for first place, with two errors each.

Hong Kong's standing garrison. Her departure may be taken as an indication that troops will remain in the Far East for some time.
The s.s. "Minnesota," which took the Marines to Shanghai, also returned here yesterday. This vessel is under orders from Shanghai and the local military authorities state that they are unaware whether or not the ship will remain here or proceed Home.

The erection of huts at the Shamshuipo reclamation and the construction of roads continues and similar activity is in evidence on other military buildings on land near the Peninsula Hotel.

THE DUCHESS ILL.

Compelled to Cancel Her Engagements.

Rugby, March 9.
The Duchess of York has been obliged to cancel her engagements in New Zealand for the next few days as she is suffering from a mild attack of tonsillitis.
The Duke of York will continue to carry out alone the programme arranged.—British Wireless Service.

TRADE UNIONS.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION'S LOSSES.
NECESSITY FOR ECONOMY.

Amsterdam, March 9.
Owing to Fascism practically wiping out the Italian trade unions, also owing to unemployment, economic and other difficulties in France, Germany and Britain, and to Communist dissensions in France, the membership of the International Federation of Trade Unions has fallen in five years from 24,000,000 to 16,000,000.
Consequently the Federation is now considering an extensive scheme of administrative retrenchment, including the removal of the headquarters from Amsterdam to a cheaper centre.—Reuter.

LEAGUE PAYMENTS.

THE POSITION OF DEFAULTING STATES.

Geneva, March 9.
With regard to the legal position of States not paying their contributions to the League, M. Titulescu, as reporter, expressed the opinion that obligation to pay the contributions fell under the sanction contained in Article XVI of the Covenant and non-payment did not lead automatically to expulsion from the League but must be accompanied by circumstances showing intention not to carry out the obligations arising from the Covenant.
The report on this was referred to the Assembly.—Reuter.

HUNGARY'S FINANCES.

Geneva, March 9.
Dealing with Hungarian financial reconstruction, the League Council yesterday authorized the allocation of further fifty million gold crowns from the balance of the loan for reconstruction investment during the financial year 1927-28.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 11/16

RIOTS AT WUHU.

Foreign Men Now Ready To Leave.
CANTON GENERAL ARRIVES.
American Destroyer Renders Timely Assistance.

Mass meetings and demonstrations took place at Wuhu yesterday. A Nationalist general has arrived to take charge of the situation and Chinese guards have been provided for the foreign men who, however, are concentrated ready for possible emergencies. An American destroyer gave timely aid in evacuating the women and children.

WUHU RIOTS.

Foreign Men Ready To Leave.

Further wireless messages have been received by the local naval authorities relating to the Wuhu incident yesterday when the mob over-ran the Customs houses and Customs Club looting them both. Mass meetings were held all day yesterday, with some demonstrations.

H.M.S. "Emerald" has proceeded from Nanking to Wuhu. The Chinese authorities have provided guards for the foreign men, who have all been concentrated ready for possible emergencies.

American Destroyer Helps.
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manding one of the Nationalist Armies, has arrived and taken over charge.

The s.s. "Kutwo" has been brought into stream and anchored and at the time of despatch of message yesterday, it was the intention that she should go down the river in the evening with the evacuated women and children from Wuhu on board.

An American destroyer is assisting in this operation.
No reply has been received from the Labour Unions at Ichang to the British note relating to demands for the removal of British forces in consequence of a clash between Bluejackets and stevedores.

A large number of Shantung troops have arrived at Nanking from Pukow with military stores and supplies, and at Chinkiang a large number of Sun Chuan-fang's troops are returning to the North side of the river from Chungking.

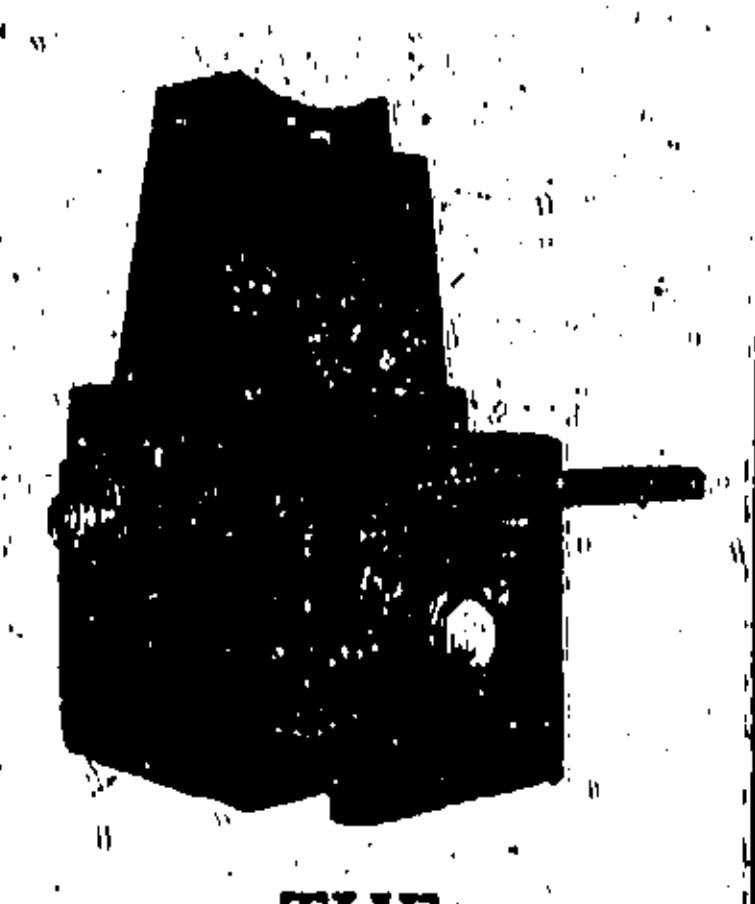
NORTH AND SOUTH.

Britain's Impartial Policy Emphasized.

London, March 9.
In the House of Commons, questioned by Labour members with regard to negotiations with the Cantonese or any other Government in China, Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, pointed out that Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister at Peking, had opened conversations with the Peking Government with regard to the proposals communicated by him to Dr. Wellington Koo, the Peking Foreign Minister, on January 27, but the discussions had not advanced beyond the question of general principles.
Representative at Hankow.
Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) suggested that a British representative might be permanently stationed at Hankow with the Southern Government at present.

Mr. Locker Lampson said that this raised a rather larger question. He imagined that certainly for some little time we should have a representative at Hankow. He pointed out that the Chinese

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Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. J. CHATER,

Surgeon Captain, R.N.

R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong.
10th March, 1927.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—

Dorothy White, Kowloon Hotel, from Shanghai.

Hamatic, from Tokyo.

E. V. JESSEN,

Superintendent,
Hong Kong Station, Mar. 8, 1927.

EASTERN EXTENSION
AUSTRALASIA & CHINA
TELEGRAPH CO.

List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in F. E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

Asariev Steamer Hwaies No. 1, from Shanghai.

Ethel Morrison, from Manila.

Bas 12, The Peak, from Shanghai.

E. A. LEGGATT,

Superintendent,
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING &
CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Engineering & Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 23rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th March, 1927, to the 23rd March, 1927, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

SENT TO JAIL.

MANAGER OF A POPPY
FACTORY.

EMPLOYEES DEFAUDED.

London, Feb. 15.

"I shall pass upon you, a sentence greatly discounted in consideration of your services to your country," remarked the Recorder at Old Bailey, in passing a sentence of nine months' imprisonment in the Second Division on John Cuchulony Barron, on a charge of embezzling £770 belonging to the British Legion's poppy factory, of which he was the manager.

The factory was founded to assist disabled ex-service men, and the delinquencies of accused related to the conversion of money paid to him for the purpose of stamping employees' insurance cards.

Counsel for the defence pleaded guilty, and dwelt on his client's distinguished service, and said he was personally commended by Viscount Jellicoe in connection with the Battle of Jutland, and was afterwards awarded the D.S.O. and M.V.O.

He had a distinguished relative, who offered to assist in making restitution, but the relative was at present seriously ill.

The Recorder added that the crime of which Barron was convicted would, in ordinary circumstances, justify penal servitude.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

March 8, 1927.

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"MA FERGUSON."

WOMAN GOVERNOR'S JOYOUS
CAREER.

HILARIOUS CHAPTER CLOSED.

Feb. 1, 1927.

This week has seen the ending of what the unthinking American public has persisted in regarding as one of the most hilarious chapters in the record of modern democracy. The more serious-minded citizens have taken a different view of the two-years' term of office of the first woman Governor of Texas; but none can deny that it was at least a spectacular affair. It was in August, 1924 that Mrs. Marion A. Ferguson sought at the pri-



MA FERGUSON

mary elections the Democratic party's nomination to the Governorship, and obtained it after a campaign which fixed the attention of the whole American public. The lady's initials being M. A., her children being already parents themselves, and her tastes and abilities being exclusively domestic, Mrs. Ferguson's political nickname dictated itself and the inevitable slogan of her supporters was "Me for Ma." Much less crisp and vote-compelling was the opposition war-cry of "Not Me for Ma—Too much Pa," but it had the merit of crystallising an argument. Mrs. Ferguson's husband, in fact, had been impeached and compelled to resign the Governorship of the State, on the ground of corrupt administration, three years before, and it was foretold—all too correctly, as the outcome was to prove—that that politician would be the hidden hand in an Administration headed by his wife. "Ma," nevertheless, secured the Democratic nomination, which, in Southern political conditions, was equivalent to election; and two years

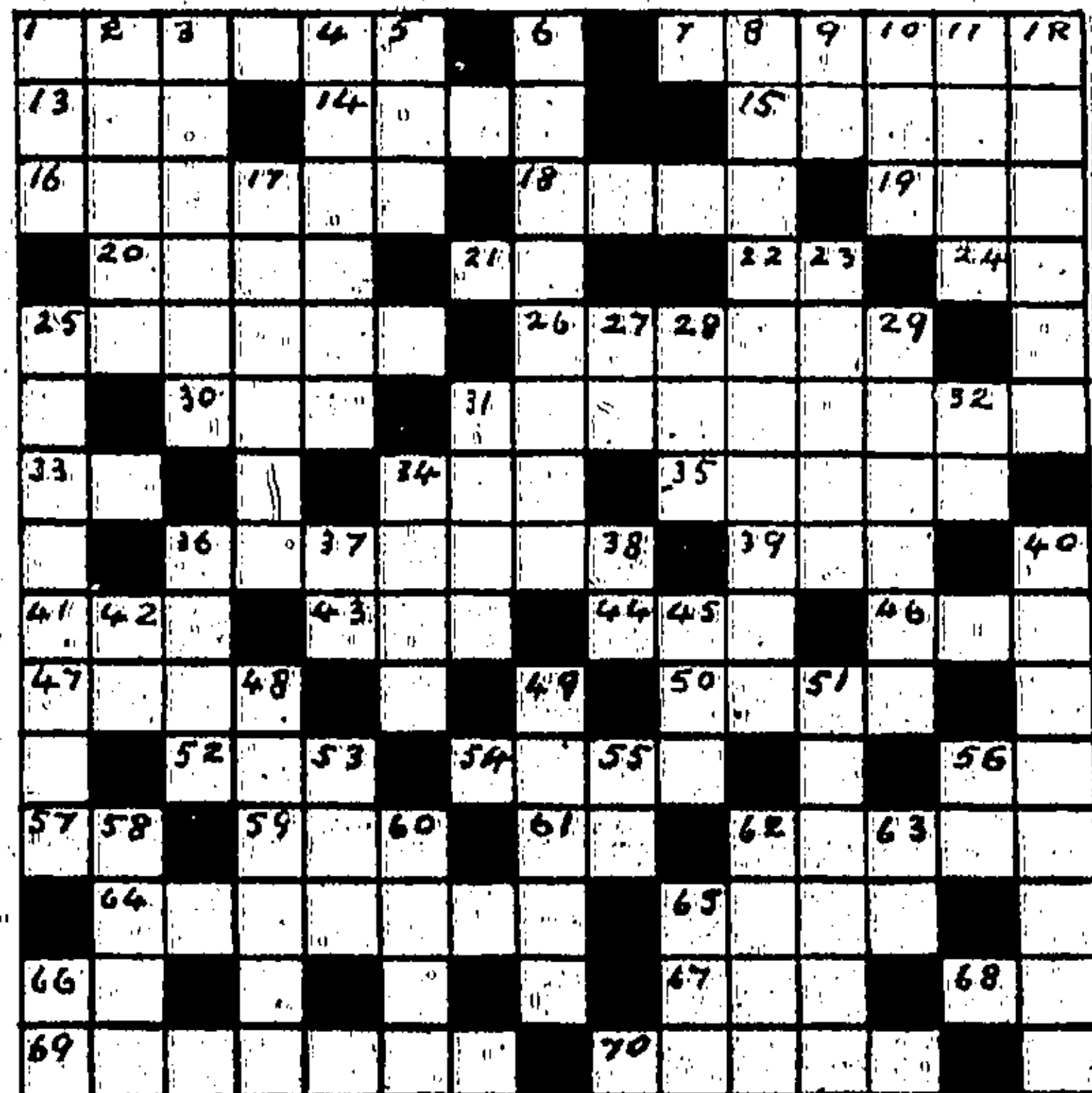
ago she entered upon office, having taken the oath prescribed by the State Constitution to the effect that she had never fought a duel or acted as second in carrying a challenge. "Ma" had announced that she stood for unblemished purity in the public administration. Her first act was to recommend a Bill imposing a prohibitive duty on the sale of cigarettes; and she followed this up by the most drastic decree for the enforcement of Prohibition that any State can show. "Ma" had not been long in office before the influence of "Pa" began to be felt in the allotment of contracts for public works. Mr. Moody, the State Attorney obtained by law the restitution of \$120,000 of excessive profits from one company alone, and a strong movement for the impeachment of "Ma" by the Legislature was only dropped on condition of her undertaking not to stand for the Governorship again. Southern chivalry, however, in this instance seems to have been misplaced, for at the "primaries" held last summer "Ma" was again in the field, with the ungallant Mr. Moody as her principal opponent. She was by this time a national figure, not merely on account of her proudly confessed submission to the authority of "Pa" in administrative affairs in general, but because of her having kept in her own hands to very remarkable purpose, the Governor's prerogative of pardon. Convicted criminals of every description, including many murderers and innumerable "bootleggers," were pardoned in batches of scores at a time. In her first year "Ma" had issued over 1,200 pardons. Mr. Moody, defeated her for the Democratic nomination by some 115,000 votes, went subsequently through the formality of election, and on Tuesday last was inaugurated as Governor in the presence of "Ma," for whom the assembled multitude of 7,000 Texan citizens showed little enthusiasm. Her last official act had been the pardoning of 143 criminals, bringing her record up to the majestic figure of 3,600; and the judges of the criminal courts had some time before taken the unusual measure of suspending all trials until she should be safely out of office. Texas has had, and has profited by, a sharp lesson in the disadvantage of sentimental politics; but the feminist movement in America is fortunately able to point to the two years' term of excellent administration standing to the credit of Governor Nellie Ross of Wyoming as a set-off to the rather embarrassing performance of the only other woman who has held the highest State office in American public life.—"Daily Telegraph."

"CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar. Letters sent through the post must not contain coins as they will not be delivered by the Post Office.
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8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Office, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,

c/o "China Mail" Office,

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Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 14.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. A disease which consumes.
7. To rush about.
13. Part of the verb 'to be'.
14. RUHR (actual).
15. A Christmas carol.
16. The celebrated philosopher's name.
18. Give attention.
19. ONO (actual).
20. Tidy or clean.
21. Father.
22. Printer's measure.
24. T P (actual).
25. A genus of Lamiate plants (the sage).
26. A case with wood straps around.
30. Dry wines.
31. Talked idly.
33. A Memphis god.
34. A digit of the foot.
35. Office-bearer in church.
36. Beloves.
39. A girl's name.
41. Expresses negation.
43. A friend by chum.
44. To possess.
46. A song in two parts.
47. Entangled piece of string.
50. From which young birds are produced.
52. To seize.
54. At what time?
56. Marking an alternative.
57. Same as 22 across.
59. Obtained.
61. The Indefinite article.
62. Having zones.
64. Eastern or greases.
65. TEF (actual).
66. Bone.
67. A British order (abbrev.).
68. Denotes situation in place.
69. To stretch out.
70. To break.

Clues Down.

1. A tin container.
2. A place of contest.
3. Upright columns (archit.).
4. Amatory.
5. To hurry.
6. A teller of a thing.
8. A condition of uncertainty.
9. In this manner.
10. One plus one equals.
11. An annual fast of forty days.
12. Ran away with.
17. An inn.
23. Of necessity.
25. To scatter on sparingly.
27. Same as 23 across.
28. Consumed.
29. Fears.
31. Fuel.
32. ER (actual).
34. A drop of secretion from lachrymal gland.
36. Well-known English college.
37. DP (actual).
38. Same as 2 down.
40. A fence round a house undergoing repairs.
42. Not off.
43. A cyst.
44. A rope and pulleys tackle.
49. A groove.
51. Searches in the dark.
53. A serpent.
55. A printer's measure.
56. CE (actual).
58. A bird's home.
60. Ancient system of weight in Scotland.
62. An Indian ex.
63. N S (actual).
65. A hill.
66. Bone.

Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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S.S. VENEZIA sails on or about 28th April.

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M.V. VIMINALE sails on or about 10th March.
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* Calls Los Angeles.

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ANYO MARU Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.
BOKUYO MARU Wednesday, 8th June.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Port.

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HARUNA MARU Saturday, 20th March.
KAMO MARU Saturday, 24th April.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 29th April.

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MAYEYASHI MARU Saturday, 26th March.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Port.

TOYOHASHI MARU (Calls Saigon) Friday, 11th March.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

HAKATA MARU Saturday, 26th March.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

SADO MARU Sunday, 13th March.
AKITA MARU Tuesday, 15th March.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

HAKODATE MARU Thursday, 10th March.
NAGANO MARU Saturday, 18th March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Saturday, 19th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

PENANG MARU (Direct Moji) Sunday, 13th March.
MORIOKA MARU Saturday, 19th March.

TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 20th March.
ATSUTA MARU Tuesday, 22nd March.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

JUNK CAPSIZED.

"PRESIDENT" BOAT SEES TRAGEDY.

PASSENGER FAINTS.

Passengers on the "President Wilson," the Dollar round-the-world boat which reached Manila a few days ago, saw a Chinese junk capsized near the Dollar vessel. "One man remained clinging to it, astride the keel. The "President Wilson" stood by, unable, because of the heavy seas, to lower lifeboats.

SIX OTHERS SAVED.

As the 200 passengers lined the rails, a giant wave swept the man off to his death. Six other members of the junk's crew were picked up by an English vessel and were saved.

Mr. Crocker, a cousin of the first wife of Francis Burton Harrison

S.S. "TAI HING."

FACTS ABOUT THE NEW STEAMER.

TRADE WITH WUCHOW.

Below are given further particulars about the new local British steamer, "Tai Hing," intended for the Hong Kong—Wuchow run and referred to in this section yesterday. The information is supplied by courtesy of the builders, Kwong Tak Cheong Shipbuilding Engineering Dock Co., Ltd. of No. 65, Des Voeux Road Central and To Kwan Wan, Kowloon.

Length: over all 185 feet; between perpendiculars 178 feet.

Breadth: 32 feet.

Depth: 14 feet.

Tonnage: gross 1,068; nett 839.

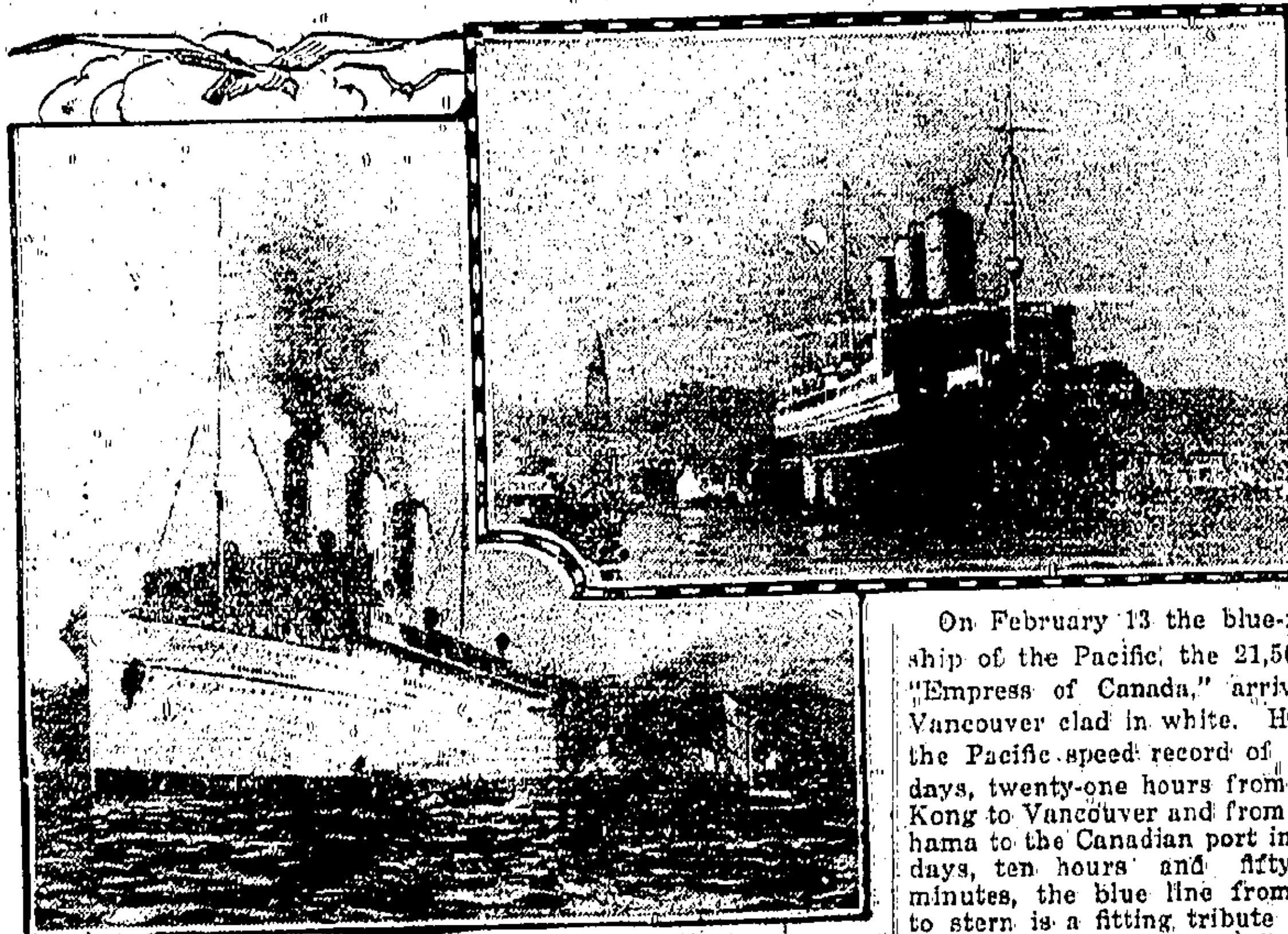
Speed: 13 1/2 knots per hour.

Horse power: 1,200.

Engines: Twin screw triple expansion built to Lloyd's requirement.

Boilers: two—horizontal multi-tubular—180 lbs. per square inch working pressure.

Passenger capacity: 1st saloon 62; 2nd cabin 24; 2nd class 52; 3rd class 800.



"The White Empresses of the Pacific" again connect Canada and the Orient. The Canadian Pacific Company's painted fleet of monster steamships "on the Pacific ocean have assumed its former glory of being garbed in white.

The "Empress of Asia" arrived in Vancouver on January 24, and will be the first to arrive in Canada.

and member of the prominent Crocker family of San Francisco, was severely bruised and suffered a broken wrist when he fainted, says the "Manila Bulletin."

"PAUL LECAT"

STILL AGROUND ON A MUDBANK.

PASSENGERS TAKEN BACK.

Shanghai, March 9.
The s.s. "Paul Lecat," which went ashore on Tuesday morning 14 miles from Woosung, is still aground on a mudbank, and the attempts to tow her off have, so far, been unsuccessful. The situation is not considered serious but in view of the falling tides it might be difficult to refloat her. The passengers are being taken to Shanghai.—Reuter.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Feb. 26, and is due here on March 18.

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SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

NOT TO MOOR WITH OWN ANCHORS.

As from March 4, no inward vessels will be permitted to moor with their own anchors in Shanghai harbour.

The notification reads:—

With reference to the re-arrangement of moorings in Shanghai harbour, notice is hereby given that all the head and stern mooring buoys formerly established in the 10th and 11th sections of the harbour have been removed from their old position, and relaid—or are being relaid—in the new positions allotted to them. The new channel on the Pootung side of the river, extending from Hsiao Creek, in the Lower Section of the harbour, to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Pootung wharf, in the 9th Section, is thus clear of obstruction, save that caution must be observed with regard to the mooring wires of pontoons, etc., engaged on laying buoys in new positions in the 10th section.

At Slow Speed.

From to-day, onward vessels may not moor with their own anchors in Shanghai harbour. All vessels mooring in the stream shall moor at head and stern moorings. Application for allotment of the Harbour authority's head and stern mooring berths

On February 13 the blue-ribbon ship of the Pacific, the 21,500-ton "Empress of Canada," arrived in Vancouver clad in white. Holding the Pacific speed record of fifteen days, twenty-one hours from Hong Kong to Vancouver and from Yokohama to the Canadian port in eight days, ten hours and fifty-three minutes, the blue line from stern to stern is a fitting tribute to the ship's power and to Canada's enterprising trade relations with the Far East.

Arriving in Vancouver on March 6, the "Empress of Russia," the 16,900-ton sister-ship to the "Empress of Asia," will be the third to arrive after annual overhaul in Hong Kong and will complete the fleet to be known as "The White Empresses of the Pacific."

should be made at the Harbour Master's office.

The notice further states that the new channel, lying as it does between a tier of vessels made fast to wharves and another made fast to head and stern moorings, renders it doubly imperative that vessels moving on its surface do so at a slow speed, in order to avoid damage to the mooring wire and chains of moored vessels.

IONIAN TREASURES.

GREEK GOVERNMENT'S SALVAGE OFFER.

Tenders for salvage work on any vessel sunk in the Aegean and Ionian seas, including those in Navarino Bay, known to hold vast stores of treasure, are invited by the Greek Government. The proclamation giving details of the offer has been issued in London by the Minister of the Greek Legation.

Proposals are sought from all nations, and privileges will be granted over a period of five years to the country offering the best salvage royalties to the State on recovered remnants. A minimum of 83 per cent. is fixed, and in addition a deposit of about £4,000, with the Greek State will be required at the signing of the contract.

Each offer should be sent either to the Greek Legation in London or to the Director of Public Estates of the Air Defence Department of the Greek Government, in Athens, to be accompanied by a letter of guarantee given for the due execution of the clauses of the agreement, and issued by a recognised Greek bank for the sum of 800,000 drachmas (£20,000). This letter of guarantee would have to be replaced by money paid in cash either to the National Bank or to a State savings bank as soon as the contract is signed.

It is estimated that there is about £10,000,000 worth of gold and silver lying at the bottom of the sea in Navarino Bay. This vast wealth was lost when the British, French, and Russian squadrons sank the Turkish fleet in 1827. It is said the Turkish Admiral's flagship alone carried £5,000,000. About £20,000 of treasure has already been recovered.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11

(E/Asia & E/Russia call Nagasaki day after departure from Shanghai)

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AMAZON MARU Monday, 14th March.

ALASKA MARU Monday, 14th April.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.

HAWAII MARU Friday, 8th April.

LA PLATA MARU Thursday, 5th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SUMATRA MARU Sunday, 3rd April.

HOZOLU MARU Tuesday, 10th April.

SHUNKO MARU Saturday, 19th March.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Friday, 18th March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU Sunday, 27th March.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

PARIS MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 15th March.

ARIZONA MARU Saturday, 26th March.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 17th March, 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

ARGUN MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 16th April.

JAPAN PORTS

AMUR MARU Tuesday, 15th March.

SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 25th March.

ANDES MARU Wednesday, 13th April.

KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 13th March, 10 a.m.

KALJO MARU Sunday, 20th March 10 a.m.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 24th March 8 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.

SOURABAYA MARU (direct to Takao) Friday, 25th March.

TAKAO & KEELUNG.

KOHOKU MARU Tuesday, 15th March.

DAIREN Via CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.

KOHOKU MARU (Via Takao) Tuesday, 15th March.

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KASHGAR	9,005	12th March Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,243	12th March Noon	S'gon, M'les, L'don, H'burg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	18th March Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March Noon	Marseilles, London
MACEDONIA	11,220	2nd April Noon	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	9th April Noon	Marseilles, London, Dunkirk, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	23rd April Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April Noon	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	8,853	7th May Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KHIVA	9,135	14th May Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	21st May Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MORBA	10,918	28th May Noon	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	4th June Noon	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	10,902	11th June Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	18th June Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,220	25th June Noon	Marseilles and London

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SHIRALA	7,841	11th March 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	6,949	16th March 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	23rd March 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
JANUS	4,824	30th March 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	6,000	27th June	Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th July	

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KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
JANUS	4,824	25th March	Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	22nd March	Kobe
TEESTA	6,200	24th March	Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	6,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	23rd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MORBA	10,958	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,068	6th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama

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S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL" Via Suez Canal 5th March

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SEA ROMANCE.

LORD RITCHIE AND
POPLAR

Speaking at the L.C.C. School of Engineering and Navigation, Poplar, Lord Ritchie of Dundee, chairman of the Port of London Authority, asked the students of the school, who had assembled for a prize distribution, not to think that the romance of the sea had departed with the sailing ship. They should remember the words of the engineer, a Scot, in Kipling's "The Seven Seas." He would read the words, but he feared they would be disappointed with his accent; to get the Scottish burr correctly it was necessary that they should procure an Englishman, preferably one who had never been in Scotland (laughter). He congratulated the pupils on pursuing their studies in a district saturated with the romance of shipping and adventure. From Blackwall some 300 years ago Baffin and others started out on their voyages of discovery. The East India Company founded their headquarters there in 1600, and the recreation ground opposite the school was the old site of the East India Company's almshouses.

Captain O. P. Marshall, who presided, said the gathering was the first of its kind to be held at the school. He asked Lady Ritchie to distribute the prizes.

Mr. J. Paley Yorke, principal of the school, mentioned that the prizes awarded that night were only those to the students of the evening classes—young men above 17 years of age who were engaged in the engineering works in the district. The learned institutions had approved the school as one from which national certificates might be issued. That was a new and most important development of technical education. The students of the school did not study for an examination syllabus by some outside body. The courses were designed by the school to meet the needs of the industries of the neighbourhood and approved by the learned institutions. The student who won a national certificate must have attended a progressive course for at least three years—it was generally five—on three evenings a week. Students of the school had during the past year attended for a greater number of hours per week, on an average, than the students of any polytechnic or technical school in the London County Council area. He appealed to employers to give the school the benefit of their constructive criticism.

WIRELESS RECORD.

DIRECT TWO-WAY OVER
12,000 MILES.

For the first time in the history of ship-to-shore wireless direct two-way communication has been established at a distance of 12,500 miles. This world's record has been achieved by the Cunard Company's cruising liner "Carinthia," at present on a voyage round the world. Prior to her departure from Liverpool in September last the "Carinthia" was fitted with special apparatus for conducting long-distance wireless experiments.

A wireless message received at Liverpool from the vessel at Fremantle, Australia, via the British Post Office experimental wireless station in London, states that direct two-way communication with the New Brunswick, N.J., station of the Radio Corporation of America, at a distance of over 12,000 miles, has been established. The previous day the "Carinthia" had spoken direct with London, New York, San Francisco, and Sydney, all within a period of twelve hours. When nearing Auckland, New Zealand, at Christmas time the "Carinthia" despatched 700 Christmas greetings by wireless direct to New York and San Francisco.

Before these wonderful results were obtained much research work was necessary, and the Cunard Company, who operate their own wireless service on their ships, have had the co-operation of the British Post Office, the Radio Corporation of America, and Messrs. Siemens Brothers and Company in carrying out these experiments.

The customary wireless range of a modern liner is about 2,000 miles, so that the "Carinthia's" success in obtaining direct communication from the other end of the world is all the more remarkable.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

"Assaye" Seaman Fined At
Marine Court.

Edwin Joseph Newman, a seaman from the transport vessel s.s. "Assaye" was fined 41s or 12 days' imprisonment with hard labour at the Marine Court yesterday for being absent without leave, on Sunday, March 6.

A charge of desertion was withdrawn. Defendant was given a good record by Chief Officer Ward, from that ship. The fine was paid on the spot.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Goods remaining undelivered on the s.s. "Benmacdhui" after March 14, will be subject to rent. Consignees of goods by the s.s. "City of Bath" are notified that all goods are being landed at Hols' Wharf and will be assessed after March 14.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVAL.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong from London via Singapore and ports by the N.Y.K. "Katori Maru" on March 9 were:—
Mr. J. A. Abrahams, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. N. Charter, Mr. H. and Mrs. S. Gelsman, Mr. T. King, Mrs. E. E. Livesey, Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. A. J. Pilgrim, Mr. L. de Rome, Mr. H. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. H. Volker, Mr. M. A. T. Alengar, Miss L. J. Brown, Mr. Kian Hok-dje, Miss H. Hanson, Mr. C. Harvey, Miss E. J. Hardecastle, Mr. A. Knutsen, Mr. D. Pereira, Mr. T. E. Shuster, Mr. H. Seagel, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parsons, Mr. F. M. Smith, Miss K. W. Smith, Mr. G. L. Jones, Mr. R. McIntyre, Miss E. D. Rume, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Miss Waelti, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones, Miss L. Schoeller, Lady E. Parlett, Mr. A. de Prospero, Sir Charles Eliot, Mr. D. I. Mahtani, Mr. T. G. Mahtani, Mr. A. Mrs. R. V. and Mrs. (2) Eklund, Mr. G. Salle, Mr. and Mrs. M. and Miss R. A. Dodsworth, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Mr. J. L. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Koward, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rausch, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Selak, Mr. M. Stankovic, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hammer, Mr. M. Sobhroy, Mr. R. Geiser, Mr. A. Guggisburg.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the "Taiping" from Australia ports via Manila on March 10, were:—Major and Mrs. Linthicum, Miss R. C. Houston, Lt. A. J. Schriber, Mr. H. C. Beck, Mr. S. Halport, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. L. Ford, Miss A. E. Henrys, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ruffner, Mr. and Mrs. C. Billing, Mrs. A. Cartledge, Miss A. Gellespie, Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Chockson, Miss A. J. Edmunds, Mrs. Haymanson, Mrs. E. A. Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Skogdale, Mr. H. Henderson, Mr. P. B. Findlay, Mrs. Darby and child.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed on March 9 from Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Katori Maru" for Shanghai and Japan were:—Sir Charles Eliot, Mr. M. M. Smith, Miss J. W. Smith, Lady E. Parlett, Miss L. Schoeller, Miss E. D. Hume, Capt. T. Nakao, Mr. R. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Brunstran, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parsons, Mr. A. Prospero, Mr. Brunstran, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones, Mr. H. Seagel, Mr. G. Salle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stewart, Mr. Q. R. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. and Miss Waelti, Mr. and Mrs. D. 2 Mstra, Eklund, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dodsworth, Mr. D. S. Mahlanal, Mr. S. J. Mahlanal, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammer, Mr. Sobhroy, Mr. C. Harvey, Mr. L. Thomson, Mr. E. H. Doersey, Mr. and Mrs. L. Selak, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kawand, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rausch, Mr. Stankovic, Mr. Gelsan, Mr. Guggisburg.

First-class passengers sailed from Hong Kong for Seattle, Shanghai and ports on the Dollar Line "President Lincoln" on March 9 were:—Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Foote, Mr. Mar Wah, Mrs. Mar Lo Shee, Mr. Jung Duck-sing, Mr. Lin Yat-man, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Walton, Mr. H. H. Swan, Mrs. C. P. G. Scott, Miss M. S. Storrs, Mr. Lee Lai, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. the Misses H. G. and J. M. and Mr. C. L. Stead, Mr. G. H. Shank, Rev. W. C. Evans, Mr. Leong Sup-moey, Mr. A. Brostedt, Mr. T. Y. Homer Chow, Mr. W. H. Hard, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Remedios, Mr. Lam Tai-mee, Mrs. Wong Ng-fai, Mr. H. B. Lee, Mr. H. G. Harris, Mr. W. F. Barnes, Mr. E. Carr, Mr. H. P. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fox, Mr. R. L. Fox, Mr. M. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. S. and Miss M. N. Hudson, Mr. C. D. Komaroff, Mrs. E. Kame, Mr. F. A. Ross, Mrs. H. C. Ross, Mr. S. N. Schechter, Mrs. G. Matr, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stires, Mr. C. A. Wise, Miss A. Zavier, Mr. L. N. Oourke, Mr. and Mrs. J. Froehlich, Mr. L. Kiene, Mrs. E. E. Kiene, Miss L. Kiene, Mrs. E. Stevenson, Miss V. E. Warren, Lieut. J. J. Ballentine, Mrs. C. Ballentine, Master J. J. Ballentine, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Anderson, Mrs. A. Greene, Mrs. G. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Houston, Mrs. E. A. Howells, Miss A. Howells, Mr. E. Jones.

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Nearly every ocean-going vessel, whether leaving or entering, was delayed for some time. On Monday, the Wuchow steamer "Kwong Ying" went aground at Lan-shan, near Whangmoon. Attempts by the "San Ning" and the "Kwong Fook Cheung" to tow her of were of no avail. The distressed boat's sister ship, "Kwong Hung" arrived with lighters, the steamer was lightened and she ultimately came off.

Also on Monday night, four boats left Hong Kong for Kongmoon, these being the "On Lee," "San Nam Hoi," "Kwong Fook Cheung" and "Leung Kwong." All four were delayed by fog.

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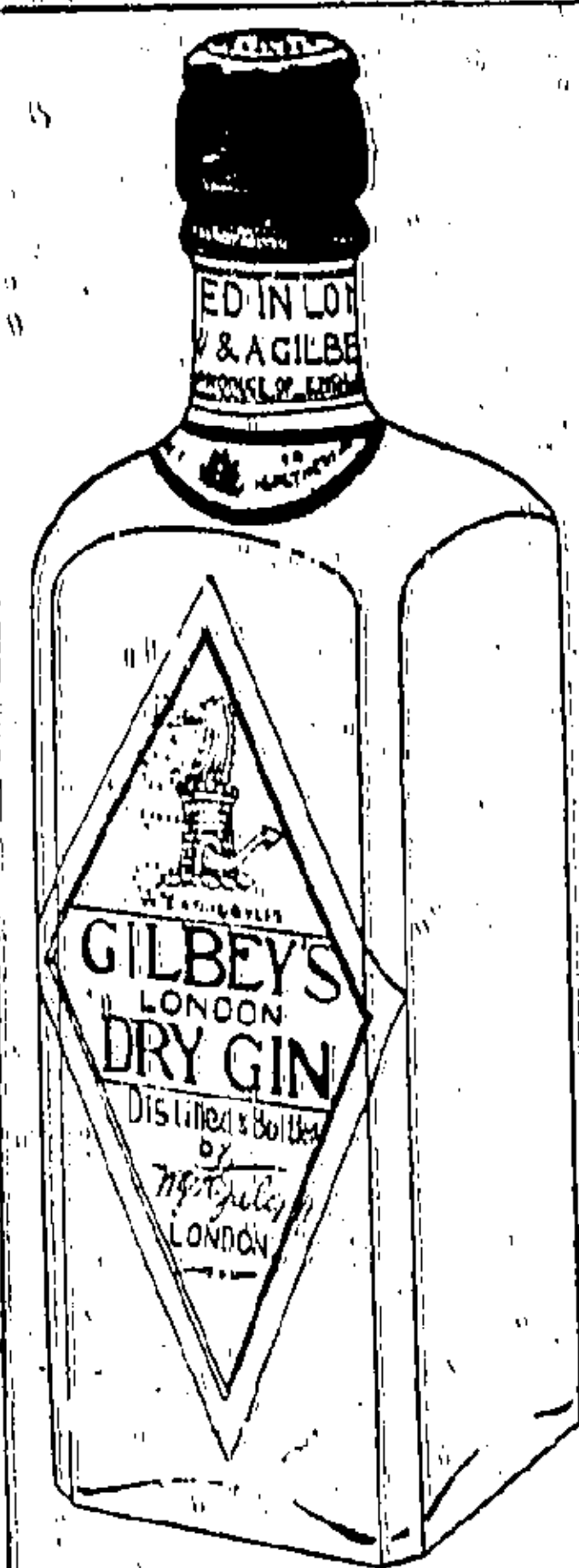
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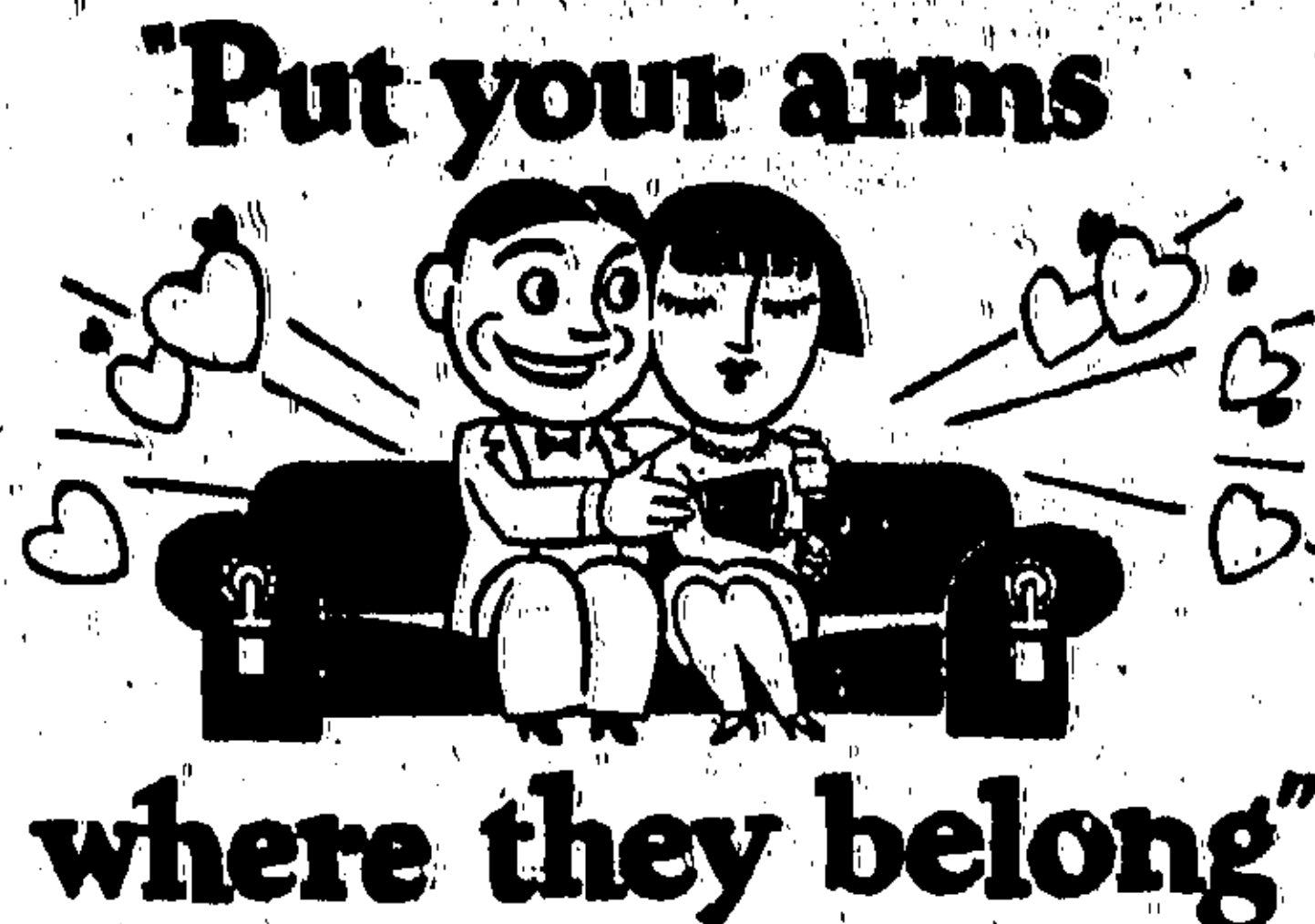
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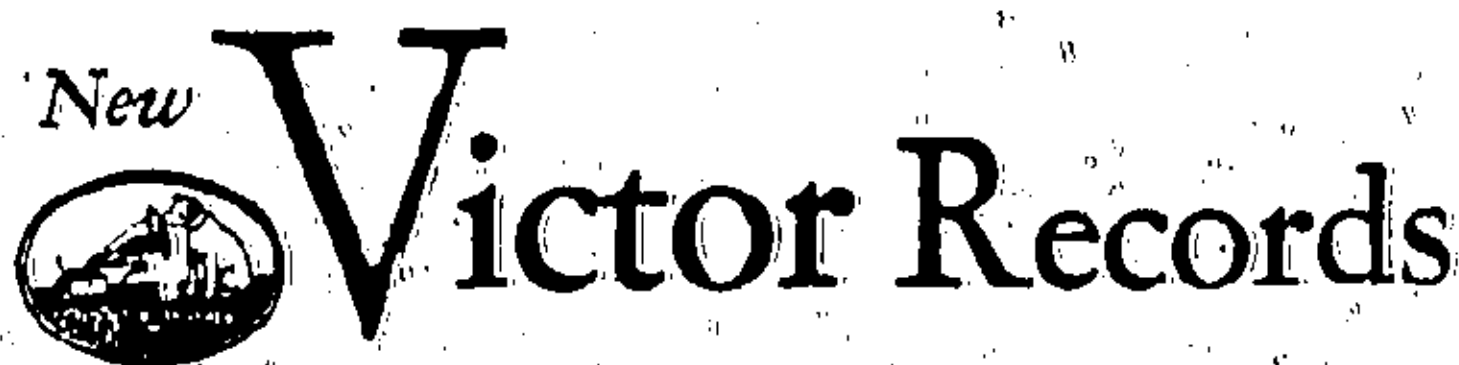
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DEATHS.

PAGE—At the Matilda Hospital
this morning, Capt. Charles
Page, aged 63. Funeral passes
the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

PERRY—On March 9, at Shanghai,
Isaac Samuel Perry, aged 75;
deeply regretted.

Hong Kong, Thursday, March 10, 1927.

THE RIOTS AT WUHU.

The Nationalists make it very
hard for the British Government
to extend recognition to the
Nationalist Government. The
latest example of what we
mean is to be found in
the looting of the Customs Houses
at Wuhu. We do not suggest that
the Nationalist Government either
instigated or connived at the rioting,
or even that it stands in
any way to profit therefrom. But
we do suggest that as the Govern-
ment claiming to rule the terri-
tory in which Wuhu is situated
—we say nothing about the fur-
ther claim to be the Government
of all China—the Nationalist
Government is by all standards
responsible for the preserving of
law and order and must accept the
blame when mobs get out of hand.
Moreover mobs rarely get out of
hand, as we have pointed out be-
fore, when a Government has a
name for being strong. This
point is not made in any re-
criminatory spirit: it is made
simply to emphasize the difficul-
ties which the Nationalist Govern-
ment puts in the way of recog-
nition. How can one Government
recognise another that is too
weak, palpably, to maintain order
in its own territory? When
women and children are being
compelled to flee to safety it is
impossible to expect public opinion

at home to have any sympathy
for the Government which permits
the lawlessness that is the direct
cause of flight. The Nationalist
Government, which asks so much
itself in the way of indulgence
from the Powers regarding the
actions of its followers, might
well remember that other Govern-
ments have citizens equally loyal,
and these citizens, while they may
not commit excesses as a method
of demonstrating their feelings,
are just as impatient of injury to
their countrymen. In other words
the Nationalist Government
might pause to reflect that it
would be more than reasonable
for the British Government to
grant recognition to a Government
whose nationals were left un-
checked to rouse hostile public
opinion by the outrage after an-
other. More than reasonable?—
it would be more than human!

AWKWARD.

"The Soviet holds the Chinese
Government responsible for the
lives and property of the citizens
endangered thereby and reserves
the right to claim damages for
all losses sustained." This sen-
tence in the Moscow protest to the
Chinese Foreign Office in Peking
regarding the action of Marshal
Sun Chuan-fang's troops in de-
taining the Soviet vessel, "Pamir
Lenina," with Mrs. Borodin on
board, provides a subject for more
than a little speculation. "Holds
the Chinese Government respon-
sible"—it is an interesting
expression that, "the Chinese
Government." What is the
Chinese Government? The Na-
tionalists claim to know. They
say it is the Nationalist Govern-
ment. The Soviet, having been
compelled, on practical as well as
technical grounds, to address its
protest to Peking, tacitly dis-
associates itself from this view.
Certain members of the British
Labour Party have been pressing
the Home Government to recog-
nise the Nationalist Government
as the Government of China.
They must be not a little discon-
certed now to find that even
Moscow, when it comes to a prac-
tical issue, is compelled to regard
the Foreign Office in Peking as
the mouthpiece of "the Govern-
ment of China!"

Chile's Way.

Chile has adopted a novel way
of dealing with Communists. A
Government transport is taking
several hundred to the lonely
island of Masafuera. A colony will
be established there, the Commu-
nists being permitted to take their

families, whilst the transport is
carrying necessary supplies,
materials, seeds, plants, domestic
animals, etc. Regarded as a test
of Communism, the scheme may
be criticised as scarcely a fair one.
A lonely island whereon to practise
the cult of Communism, and,
therefore, no great faith can be
placed in the experiment. The
real objective of the Chilean Gov-
ernment is what matters. In a
cable published on February 24 it
was stated that the arrested Com-
munists would be incarcerated on
an island to prevent them spread-
ing propaganda elsewhere. Thus,
not only is Chile determined to rid
herself of Communist agitators,
but she is making sure that they
will not be dumped on any other
nation. The principle is unselfish
and laudable. It is one that safe-
guards Chileans from the con-
tagion of Communism and yet
extends like protection to the
peoples of other nations. Were
the latter to adopt similar
methods a powerful deterrent to
Communist agitators would be
undoubtedly be found. Masafuera
would provide an ideal retreat for,
say, Mr. S. Saklatvala, Communist
M.P. for North Battersea, and his
"comrade," Mr. A. J. Cook, the
Miners' Federation Secretary!

OBITUARIES.

AN OLD CHINA COAST HAND.

CAPT. CHARLES E. PAGE.

We regret to record the death of
Capt. Charles E. Page, which took
place at the Matilda Hospital this
morning after a lingering illness of
nearly two years' duration.

Capt. Page, who was a well known
figure among coastal officers and
others, having served on the China
coast for nearly twenty years, was
63 years of age. He was a
widower and leaves two daughters,
in addition to a wide circle of
friends, to mourn his loss.

The last ship on which he served
(as Chief Officer) was the s.s.
"Charles Hardouin" and before that
he was in command of the s.s.
"Haimun," formerly a Douglas boat
and now Chinese owned.

He was a member of the Marine
Engineers' Guild of China and
a member of Victoria Lodge
of Freemasons, the Worshipful
Master and E. Wright,
of which, Mr. A. E. Wright,
and several members, will be
present at the funeral.

The funeral passes Monument at
5 p.m. to-day.

Mr. I. S. Perry.
News of the death of Mr. I. S.
Perry will come as a great shock to
a large circle of friends.

Mr. Perry went up to Shanghai
last Autumn and contracted acute
bronchitis which affected his heart
and to which he succumbed yester-
day at Shanghai.

Mr. Perry, who was 75 years
of age, was an old resident of
the Far East, his association with
China ports having extended over
a period of nearly sixty years. Dur-
ing the greater part of these years
he was more directly connected with
Hong Kong and the many who came
into contact with him held him in
the greatest esteem for his
integrity, courtesy and kind acts
performed unostentatiously.

For some years he had been con-
nected with the cotton yarn depart-
ment of the old established firm of
David Sassoon and Co., Ltd. whose
Hong Kong offices were closed this
afternoon as a mark of observance.

H.K. MARRIAGE.

INSPECTOR SEEKS DIVORCE IN SYDNEY.

Sydney, Feb. 16.
"My wife," said the petitioner,
"when in Hong Kong, taught the
children to hate and despise me."
"She said: 'Don't talk to that
rotter.'"

"They were very nice to me
when my wife wasn't present,"
he added, "but when the doorbell
rang they ran away from me,
because they were afraid of her."

John Charles Mackay, insur-
ance inspector, gave this evidence
in the Divorce Court this after-
noon, when seeking a divorce, on
the ground of desertion, from his
Chinese wife, whom he married
on November 30, 1909, at Hong
Kong. Before the marriage she
was a widow, Elizabeth Rogers.

Mackay said that when he mar-
ried he was a land bailiff at Hong
Kong. Some time after the mar-
riage, differences arose over
money matters, and these were
increased when, in August, 1921,
she went to England for a year.

"My wife was not too amiable
to me when we were in Hong
Kong," said Mackay. "I was
reading the Bible on one occasion
when she snatched it from me
and threw it downstairs."

Mackay said he had been in
Australia since January, 1922.

The further hearing was ad-
journed.
Mr. Toose, (instructed by Mr.
W. J. Maclean) appeared for the
petitioner and Mr. Shackley and
Mr. W. J. Victor, (instructed by Messrs. Norton,
Smith and Co.) for the wife.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—As a layman in the
Church of England I took a great
interest in the Church at Home
and although I am not a regular
attendant at Church in Hong
Kong I have, as an old resident,
taken a great interest in the
Church and missionary work in
my own way.

As I go about the Colony I
meet clergymen as well as other
people. I write to you because I
want it to be generally known in
Hong Kong and at Home that
there is a great feeling of dis-
appointment at the present time
amongst clergymen and laymen
in the administration of the
Church in Hong Kong. The two
last Bishops have been appointed
from Home and do not know local
conditions.

During my time here the
Bishops have been absent from
the Colony far too much. During
the past two years there has been
no Archdeacon of Hong Kong,
and a Diocesan Conference has
not been held for very many
years.

The Cathedral and St. An-
drew's both require clergymen.
The Cathedral Church Body is
not a representative committee.
The Victoria Diocesan Associa-
tion is much over-rated, and we
hear far too much about "the
largest diocese in the world," etc.

The clergymen and laymen
have no opportunities of voicing
their opinions as a body, and
that is why I am using the Press
to give publicity to the above,
which is common talk amongst
the people in general.

There have been cases in recent
years where an Archdeacon with
local knowledge and as the ad-
viser to the Bishop could have
prevented scandal or helped to do
so.

I do not criticise without offer-
ing suggestions. We want a
Dean at the Cathedral and an
Archdeacon with local experience.

One of these two could act as
Vicar General in the Bishop's
absence. Commissioners ap-
pointed during the Bishop's ab-
sence have no power and do not
generally know the office routine
of a Bishop. At present one can
only guess that the Diocese is
run by the Bishop's Chaplain
during the Bishop's absence from
the Colony and he is generally a
junior man in the Diocese.

Amongst our clergymen in
Hong Kong we have some excel-
lent men. Why cannot the
Church or the Bishop encourage
some of these men by
giving them their position
and place in the Diocese?

It is not only from Home that
we can get "big men," and sup-
posedly "big men" from Home are
generally a failure in new sur-
roundings and comparatively
small amongst the best of priests
with years of experience.

We will never keep priests in
this Diocese if local men, who
were sufficiently "big" in their
younger days to stay here and to
do great work, are not encouraged
by their superiors in office. If
this encouragement is given to
some of our local priests I ven-
ture to suggest that many laymen
in the Church would have more
respect for the Church as a body
and would come forward and help
to extend the work of the Church
in this "the largest diocese in
the world."

I should also like to see a Cope
and Mitre in the Cathedral but
its dignity must first of all be
justified and maintained.

Yours, etc.,
TRUTH.

Hong Kong, March 10.

PRIVILEGE IN COURT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The hearing of the
Trevor case has brought forward
once again a matter of consid-
erable public interest, and one
which, if memory serves me cor-
rectly, Mr. Justice Salter com-
mented upon most strongly short-
ly after his Lordship's elevation
to the Bench.

Statements made by accused
persons in mitigation of punish-
ment are, in nine cases out of
ten, tempered with exaggeration
and untruths. Such, perhaps, is
scarcely unnatural. But it seems
radically wrong that such per-
sons, even if innocent, should be
allowed to make statements under
"absolute privilege," whilst other
parties involved by such state-
ments are denied all right of
reputation.

In case where a plea of "not
guilty" has been entered, state-
ments by the accused should, un-
questionably, be made from the
witness box. If, as Mr. Justice
Salter pointed out, such a course
is always adopted, action may be
taken in another Court should
such statements prove to be
without foundation.

In the particular case under re-
view the observations of, and

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of the Seventh Puzzle.

SEVEN FOR FIRST PLACE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in
announcing the result of its seventh
Cross-Word Puzzle Competition
which has been won by seven com-
petitors with two errors each.
These seven competitors are:—

Miss H. Ismail,
155, Woonnelchong Road.

Miss O. M. Xavier,
4, Humphrey's Buildings.

Mr. W. J. Burling,
Homeville,
Wanchai Road.

Mr. C. N. Dragoon,
12, Prince Terrace.

Mr. N. S. Lim,
Ellet Hall,
University.

Mr. A. H. Crook,
156, The Peak.

Mrs. H. F. Crook,
156, The Peak.

The \$50 prize will be divided
among the seven winners. As the
amount is under ten dollars, with the
winning competitors please call
at the "China Mail" office
on or after Tuesday, March 15,
for payment.

The correct solutions are as
follows:—

Across.

1. ENGRAIL; 5. AMBIENT; 11.
EM; 12. SCAN; 13. ATE; 15.
NIDUS; 16. LLAMA; 19. THEME;
20. ILLEGAL; 22. OIL; 23. EASY;
24. TETE; 25. N.N.; 26. KISS; 28.
TAB; 30. NOB; 31. EGG; 33. AH;
35. MAG; 37. R.N.; 38. ORAL; 40.
CREDO; 42. TI; 43. ROKK; 44.
THIS; 45. LIMBS; 47. SIT; 49.
ENVO; 51. C.E.; 52. ALL; 54. OFF;
56. TERAPH; 58. ELDOOF; 60. IS;
61. LORD; 62. MY; 63. ITCH; 64.
PYGAL; 65. OFE; 67. AS; 68. T.S;
69. TIME.

Down.

2. NOTHING; 3. R.E.; 4.
AMNESIA; 5. LADIES; 6. ASSIST;
7. M.C.; 8. BALL; 9. INLET; 10.
NEMATOD; 11. ATONES; 14.
EEL; 17. ACEN; 18. ALEB; 21.
LYAM; 27. SHOO; 29. BACHE-
LOR; 32. GRIM; 34. RAKI; 36.
GRIN; 39. ROSE; 41. ESTOP; 42.
TINE; 43. R.S.; 46. BLASH; 48.
TALLAT; 50. OF; 51. CHAPS; 53.
IDOLS; 55. FAY; 56. TAIC; 57.
RICH; 59. ODOT; 62. MEN; 66.
PI.

WORTHY VOTING.

TEN RULES TO PREVENT FIRES.

USEFUL MANILA ADDRESS.

Holding that 80 per cent. of the
fires in Manila can be prevented,
Manila's fire chief has issued the
following rules for the guidance of
the public.

1. Keep your house tidy. Do not
allow rubbish to accumulate.
2. Do not throw away a match
until every spark is out.
3. Keep matches out of the reach
of little children.
4. Do not set the lamp near the
edge of a table or in any place
where it may be struck.
5. Do not set the lamp too close
to curtains or anything that will
take fire easily.
6. Never pour Kerosene into fuel
or kerosene can.
7. Always put out the fire in the
stove when you leave the house and
before you go to bed.
8. Watch your "plancha" while
ironing. Fires often result from
carelessness in disposing of ashes.
9. Never throw away a cigarette
stub without being sure that the fire
is out.
10. Never smoke while lying in
bed.

A sub-contractor employed by
the Wing Tai firm at Kowloon
Tong was yesterday charged be-
fore Mr. W. Schofield with
assault. According to the pro-
secution, conducted by Mr. Mc-
Callum, after his dismissal
accused attempted to prevent
other workmen from carrying on.
He collected a number of men
and attacked the two complain-
ants, Mr. A. el Arculli, for the
defence, entered a complete
denial of the charge, alleging
that the other men were the
responsible parties. The Magis-
trate imposed a fine of \$50 and
ordered accused to pay \$5 com-
pensation to each complainant.

sentences passed by the learned
Magistrate did much towards
clearing a decidedly unpleasant
atmosphere created by the pri-
soner's outburst, but unfortun-
ately all magistrates are not
always so outspoken as the learn-
ed occupant of the Bench yester-
day.—Yours, etc.,
L. E. MARRAS.

Glenelly Hotel,
Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1927.

PIRATE SECRETS.

Light On "Sunning" and "Seang Bee" Attacks.

RIVAL CHIEFS.

Leader Who Offered The Better Terms.

The "China Mail" is able in the following first hand report to throw new light on the recent "Sunning" and "Seang Bee" piracies. There appear to have been two chiefs and the account of how each planned his separate venture reads like a story from melodrama.

BIAS BAY'S VIEWS.

"Sunning" Pirates Fail To Return.

That every one of the gang, who took part in the piratical attack on the China Navigation Co's "Sunning" a few months ago has either perished or been captured, is vouched for by a source that can hardly be questioned.

Two boats had put away from the burning ship when the pirates failed to regain control from the officers holding the bridge. One of these lifeboats was finally captured by H.M.S. "Bluebell" but the other was never heard of. Of those captured, six have been hanged in Hong Kong and two are awaiting trial.

Mr. Lapsley of Shanghai, the other of Mr. R. Lapsley of Kowloon, who was a passenger on "Sunning" who was a passenger is presumed to have been drowned when the second boat foundered in the heavy seas.

Rivals for Recruits.

A Chinese trader who is also engaged in a branch of native shipping which brings him in close touch with Bias Bay told the story to the "China Mail" of how the

leaders simultaneously went recruiting for men to pirate the "Sunning" and the "Seang Bee" from Singapore. The informant is in such a position that he is constantly paying tolls to the outlaws for the "safe conduct" of vessels under his control and he enjoys the confidence of a good many bands.

Twenty men set out to rob the "Sunning," the chief's capital being only a few thousand dollars. Another leader held out better prospects. He had \$12,000 to work with. Also a big passenger boat, coming back to China from the South Seas (this being a vernacular term for lands of untold wealth), especially in the China New Year, provided the better attraction.

How Pirates Are Planned.

Accordingly, the second man picked up thirty fellows who were better fitted for the work in question. Some of them had been to sea before and knew the ropes. The "Sunning" leader had to be content with what he could get—mostly discharged soldiers who had turned bandits—and gossip at Bias Bay blames the inexperience of the gang for their failure.

When a piracy has been planned word is passed round that a prize is in sight. Men come down from the hills with their own weapons and ammunition, those with the most modern make standing the best chance of being accepted. The promoter provides the initial expense in return for which (after deducting the outlay) he gets a considerable percentage of the prize in addition to his own participating share. Another advantage of having ready cash is that one is able to buy articles of food at ridiculous prices from the rank and file.

As stated, it was because the qualified pirates preferred the "Seang Bee" adventure that the "Sunning" chief had to take what he could get.

Death Better Than Capture.

The account of how they secured control of the ship and were subsequently held at bay by the heroism of the officers has been told dozens of times.

In the fight for the bridge, some of the pirates were killed by gunshots. The lifeboat recaptured by the "Bluebell" was the one, so it is said, that contained the leader. As each man was being passed up the ladder from the lifeboat, he dived into the water, laden with loot concealed on his person and was not seen again. This man's name is given as Leung Ying-kit, an ex-convict, who was deported from one or other of the British Colonies for a serious crime.

The informant is positive that the other boat (in which Mr. Lapsley is presumed to have been taken) never reached land in the terrible weather. At least not one of the men has been heard of since and the Bias Bay fraternity is certain that none can have escaped.

Capital, Half Gone. Meanwhile, the other thirty had set out for Singapore via Amoy. While waiting for the moment to embark, they heard about the fate of their brethren on the "Sunning." About twenty hesitated at taking risks with the "foreign devils" who ran those ships. The other ten were bent on seeking a fortune at any cost and, as it ultimately proved, they were richly rewarded. It was the No. 1 who decided. More than half his \$12,000 working capital had gone in licentious living in Singapore. He threatened to leave his supporters stranded—and without access to the hidden revolvers—if they did not at once make up their minds that they would go through with the job. Thus it was that they shipped on the "Seang Bee" and their coup came off. As the boat had hundreds of passengers returning with their life earnings, this gang of thirty (in the words of the informant) must have spent a wealthy China New Year.

CAPTURED AIRMEN.

Madrid, March 9. It transpires that the airman, Major Larre Borges, mishap was due to an oil pipe breaking. The seaplane came down in the open sea and the crew had to swim to shore. They expected to reach Cape Juby immediately but measures to ransom them from the tribesmen are delayed owing to the heavy sea preventing vessels from approaching the coast.

General Jordana, Director of the Moroccan Colonial Department, says that the tribesmen are warlike and continually engaged in internecine strife. Most probably their mutual antagonism is enhanced by the desire to possess the captives and pocket the ransom.—Reuter.

MILLER'S SENTENCE REDUCED.

New York, March 9. Miller has been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and fined \$1,000.—Reuter's American Service.

[A previous message stated that Miller was appealing against the maximum sentence of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. Miller, who was ex-custodian of Allen Property, was found guilty of a charge of conspiracy in connection with the proceeds of the sale of the American Metal Company, seized as enemy-owned during the war. They jury disagreed in the case of the former Attorney General Daugherty, who was also charged.]

AMERICAN OFFER.

RED CROSS AND JAPAN'S EARTHQUAKE.

Washington, March 9. President Coolidge has requested the American Red Cross to offer its aid to Japan in connection with the earthquake.—Reuter's American Service.

"Empress" Party Safe. The following telegram has been received from Japan by the local office of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.: "Earthquake, Osaka, Kyoto districts comparatively unimportant. 'Empress of Scotland' party unaffected; everybody well."

Tokyo, March 9. The Home Office's latest advices show that 2,275 people were killed and 3,441 injured, and 3,606 houses were totally destroyed by fire, 3,113 by the earthquake, 158 partially burned and 1,667 damaged by the earthquake.—Reuter.

RIOTS AT WUHU.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the British Government humanitarily sought to allay suspicion between the disputants and to bring them together.

Replying to a question he denied that the Italian decision to recognise the Ukrainian Bessarabic frontier was connected with his conversation with Mussolini some time ago.—British Wireless Service.

Items From North.

Shanghai, March 9. H.M.S. "Emerald" has left for Wuhu from Nanking. All the foreign women and children are aboard the steamer "Kutwo," which has not yet sailed.—Reuter.

No New Development.

Shanghai, March 9. The situation on the Sungkiang front is unchanged. There has been no fresh development regarding the Southern attempt to reach the Shanghai-Nanking railway at Soochow.—Reuter.

Editor's Release.

Shanghai, March 9. Mr. Francis Zia was released yesterday, on parole for three months after furnishing security and signing a personal bond.—Reuter.

Statement to Chinese Editor.

Geneva, March 9. Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, received Mr. Kung Chen-koo, Professor of Shanghai University and Editor of the newspaper "Shih Pao" and gave him a statement on British policy in China.—Reuter.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

SHEAF OF CASES AT THE MAGISTRACY.

A \$1,000 FINE.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Magistrate's court this morning, with the unlawful possession of 14½ taels of non-Government opium, a Chinese said that it was inferior opium intended for use as medicine.

Remarking that it was superior opium valued by the Revenue Department at \$12 per tael, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$1,000, or, in default, six months' hard labour.

Another Chinese, who was charged with the possession of a small quantity of opium, pleaded that it was left in his house by a travelling trader. He himself did not smoke the stuff. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

Convicted of keeping an opium den at No. 107 Wing Lok Street, a Chinese was fined \$100. Three others who were smoking opium at the time of the raid were fined \$2 each.

Two other divan keepers were fined \$50 each and several smokers who failed to appear in Court had their bail of \$3 each forfeited.

A fourth divan keeper, who was released on bail of \$100, failed to appear and his money was forfeited. Three men found smoking in his divan in Des Voeux Road Central were fined \$2 each.

COMING DEBATE.

OPTIMISM & PESSIMISM IN LIFE.

At St. Peter's Young Men's Club next Tuesday, the motion will be debated "That Experience Justifies Pessimism."

The affirmative will be taken by Mr. E. R. Price, seconded by Mr. P. S. B. A.

The negative will be led by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, M.A., seconded by the Rev. W. R. Connell, M.A.

COOLIES BITTEN.

TWO DOGS NOW UNDER OBSERVATION.

Mr. Owen Hughes's chow dog has been taken to Kennedy Town for observation. He bit a coolie employed by Mr. Knoll of No. 160, The Peak. The coolie was treated by a medical practitioner.

A fox terrier owned by Miss Alice Gutterez, which bit a baker's coolie at No. 39 Bonham Road, has also been taken to Kennedy Town. The coolie went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment.

ELECTRIC LAMPS THEFT.

COOLIE SENT TO JAIL FOR SIX WEEKS.

Charged before Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy to-day, with the theft of three electric lamps from the staircase of No. 178 Des Voeux Road Central, a coolie said that they were stolen by another man. He saw where the thief hid them and took them out after he had gone away.

Sentence of six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour was passed.

FLOWER SHOW.

Another Fine Display To-day.

QUALITY INSTEAD OF QUANTITY.

If quantity was below normal at to-day's Flower Show, the Hong Kong Horticultural Society is recompensed in quality, for some of the exhibits at Volunteer Headquarters were really very pretty.

For has been the main cause of the fall in quantity and generally unsuitable weather can also be blamed. The first-named is responsible for the dwindling down of the number of entries from the Peak, whence come the majority of exhibits.

A lesson was learned last season when the native gardeners were away. The novel experience has given residents the opportunity of finding out how to bring along the blooms in face of adversity.

Yesterday and this morning, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (honorary secretary) and his band of hard-working officials were busy getting the stands into shape, while the judges paid their visit to-day. Marking proceeded apace and the show, with the winners pointed out, will be in ship shape early this afternoon.

Surprising Standard. Every year it has been said that the variety of colours and Nature's combination of little things that delight the eye compel one to visit the local flower show. It is just as true to-day for one can at the same time enjoy and learn a good deal by a casual visit.

Pot plants from the Peak were of a surprising standard but there is disappointment in the small number of entries in the open pot plant class.

This year the total number of exhibits is 672, against 721 last year and the record of 1,010 in 1923. Whereas there were 231 entries for the open pot class in 1926, there are only 97 this time.

Amateur Cups.

Some good work had, however, been put in and the efforts of exhibitors in the vegetable, cut flowers and "general" classes were also praiseworthy.

A good deal of interest centred in the award of the Challenge Cup for each class. Mr. J. A. Plummer presented a cup for pot plants, either in the Peak or open classes, for "amateurs," i.e., members who have not previously exhibited or non-prizewinners, the object being to encourage those who keep small gardens, tend their own flowers, or employ only one gardener.

Mr. H. Green (superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department) gave a special display and Mr. Ho Kom-tong had a stand of flowers (from imported seeds) in vases—neither being for competition. Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (China) Ltd. had an exhibition of fertilisers.

Lady Clementi will distribute the prizes this afternoon.

Judges and Officials.

The judges in the various classes were:—

Open Pot Plants:—Mr. H. Green, Mrs. G. E. Aubrey.

Peak Pot Plants:—Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. Choa Posien.

Open Vegetables:—Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. F. A. Perry.

Peak Vegetables:—Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Open Cut Flowers:—Mrs. A. Murdoch, Mr. E. L. Sim.

Peak Cut Flowers:—Mr. H. Green, Mr. J. P. Robinson.

General Exhibits:—Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. E. L. Sim, Mrs. G. E. Aubrey.

Table Decorations:—The Committee.

Censors:—Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

The Committee comprise:—Mr. F. C. Hall (president); Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Choa Posien, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. H. Green, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (hon. secretary), Mr. A. Piercy (hon. treasurer).

PRIZE LIST.

The full list of awards follows:—

Amateur Cups. Vegetables:—A. W. Charity. Pot Plants:—Mrs. Westlake.

Challenge Cups. Cut flowers, open class:—Mr. R. A. Nicholson (roses, red/or pink).

Cut flowers, Peak class:—Mr. J. A. Plummer (pansies).

Vegetables, open class:—Lady Ho Tung (onions).

Vegetables, Peak class:—Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (celery).

Pot plants, open class:—Mrs. Ho Fook (cineraria).

Pot plants, Peak class:—Mr. J. A. Plummer (stocks).

Pot Plants, Open (except Peak). Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens):—1. Kowloon Cricket Club; 2. Mrs. Choa.

Nasturtium (tall varieties):—Highly commended, Dr. A. W. Woo. Salvia:—1. Kowloon Cricket Club; 2. Mrs. Choa.

Annals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding nasturtiums):—1. Mrs. Ho Fook.

Annals or plants raised from seed the same season and not included in classes 1 to 3 or 6 to 36:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Mr. A. Tse.

Arums:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Mrs. Choa.

Begonia:—1. Lady Ho Tung; 2. Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Double Geraniums:—1. Mrs. Choa; 2. Mrs. Westlake.

Single Geraniums:—1. Mrs. Choa. Ivy-leaved Geraniums:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook.

Dahlias, other than Pom Poms:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Mrs. Choa.

Heliotrope:—1. Mrs. Choa; 2. Mr. G. M. Shaw; highly commended, Mrs. Ho Fook.

Petunia:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Lady Ho Tung.

Verbena:—highly commended, Kowloon Cricket Club.

Delphinium and/or Larkspur:—1. Mrs. G. M. Shaw; 2. United Services Recreation Club.

Fraxia, white or lemon coloured:—1. Mrs. Choa; 2. Mrs. Ho Fook.

Phlox Drummondii:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; highly commended, Lady Ho Tung.

Roses:—1. Mrs. Choa.

Carnations and/or Picotees:—1. Lady Ho Tung.

Maiden Hair Ferns:—1. Lady Ho Tung.

Asparagus Plumosus:—highly commended, Lady Ho Tung.

French Marigolds:—1. Lady Ho Tung; 2. Kowloon Cricket Club.

Violets:—1. Mrs. Choa; 2. United Services Recreation Club.

Stock:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Mrs. R. M. Dyer.

Primula:—1. Mr. A. Tse; 2. Mr. Simon Tse Yan.

Annals, Perennials and/or any plants:—1. Mrs. Ho Fook; 2. Mr. Simon Tse Yan; special prize, Mr. A. Tse.

Pot Plants, Peak Only.

Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens):—1. Peak Club; 2. Mr. R. E. Macdonough.

Nasturtium (tall varieties):—1. Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2. Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

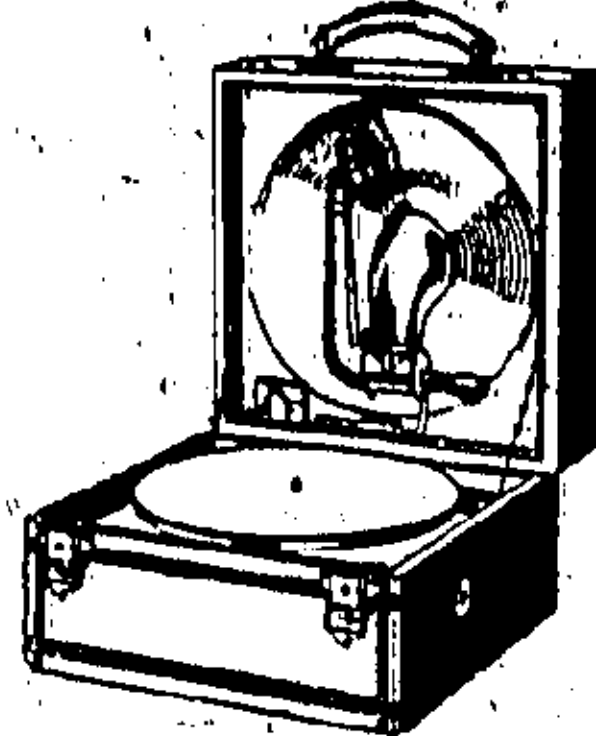
Salvia:—1. Sir Robert Ho Tung; 2. Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Annals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding nasturtiums):—1. Mr. W. H. Bell; 2. Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Four Chinese were yesterday committed for trial by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of having been concerned in an armed robbery at Quarry Bay.

Reynold's picture of Princess Caroline, daughter of Frederick, Prince of Wales, originally painted for £100, was sold at auction for 4,000 guineas. Hoppner's portrait of Mrs. Rolleston and her children was sold for 1,700 guineas.

"There is no more despicable spectacle than a young woman, dressed almost in a bathing costume, pinning roses on doddering old men," said Ald. George Titt, when urging on Manchester Council that only men should be employed on "flag" days.

A banisher who said he returned to the Colony to see his aged mother who was ill was yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield to six months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch. The police reported they could not find the woman at the address given by the accused, and he subsequently admitted that his story was false.

The "Straits Times" is informed officially that it has been decided not to hold a Military Pageant in Singapore during 1927. At the conclusion of the successful Pageant held in August last year it was announced that another event on a rather smaller scale would be held in May. The decision not to hold a pageant this year is probably connected with the present uncertain military situation in the Far East.

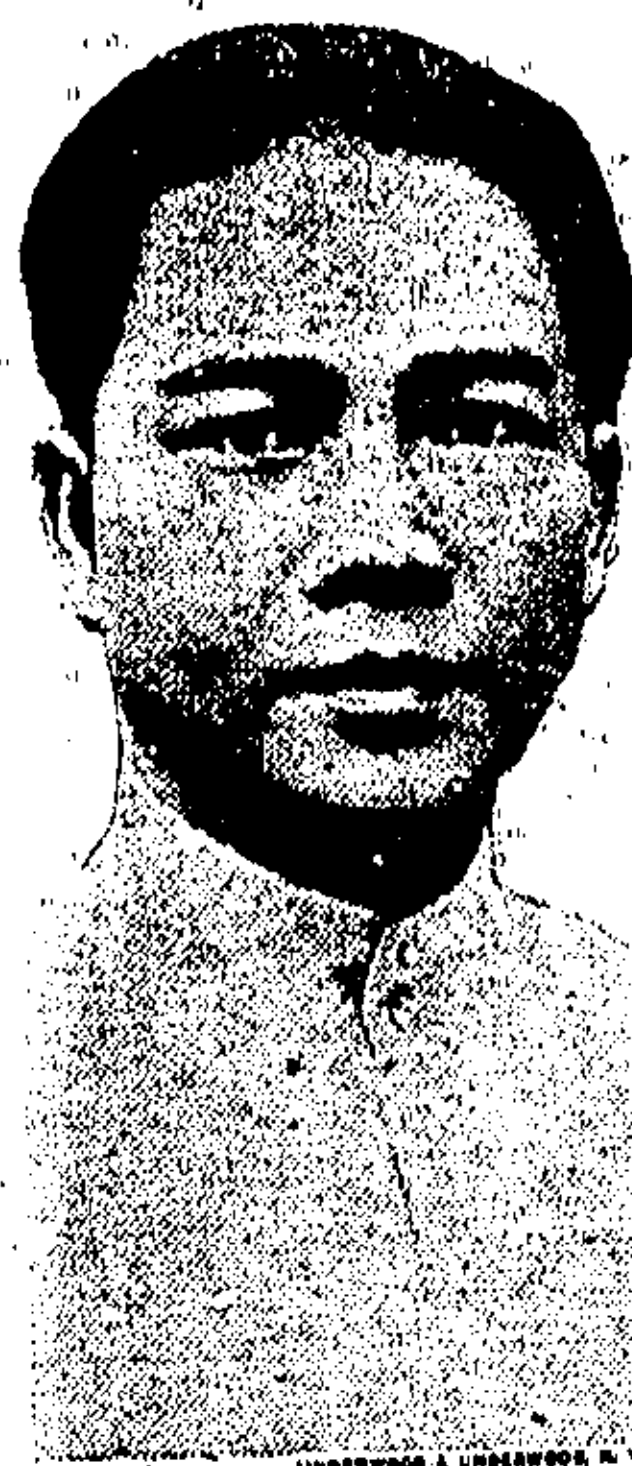
"The Englishwoman has perfect ankles, straight and true, as beautiful as any in the world," says Mr. A. J. Munings, R.A., who was judge in the Ankle Competition at Norwich. "What I saw was a revelation to me," he says. "Dancing and sport have made our girls' ankles things of beauty. They are a vast improvement upon those of the Victorian Age, although it was very difficult to get a view of the Victorian ankle."

When Nicholas Gold and Miss Freedman went to the church to be married they travelled in a last-century stage coach. This resulted in traffic being blocked along the route, and summonses were issued. Subsequently Miss Freedman, the bride's brother, who had acted as best man, appeared in court, sorrowfully on behalf of the absent honeymooners. The magistrate, however, dismissed the case, expressing the opinion that her wedding was the most important event in a woman's life.

A debtor asked his means in Bow County Court. "Not a bean, and a prospect of being called up for China."

At 8 p.m. to-day an orchestral concert will be broadcast under the aegis of the Hong Kong Radio Society, the Orchestra (the Lyrio) being under the conductorship of Mr. Dick d'Almada.

Georgia's champion father, whose 28 children won for him a medal from Congress, and President Coolidge's approbation, has become a father for the 29th time. The latest is a daughter.



Mr. Wong Ching-wei, the Kuomintang leader reported to be in France or Germany who has been urged by his compatriots to return to Canton.

The startling whiteness of the marble statue of the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is considered too emphatic for its surroundings. An effort is being made to tone down the whiteness. Tea has been poured over it, but this was unsuccessful. Coffee is now being experimented with.

A message from Rome says that it is understood that the Government and the Vatican are successfully working out details in Concordat to enable the Pope to leave his voluntary seclusion in the Vatican. It is expected that the plans will be completed by September enabling the Pope to participate in the Eucharistic Congress at Bologna.

A huge horse chestnut tree, which for 200 years has stood as a landmark in Weston's Yard, Eton College, was uprooted by the gale in mail week.

A new law brought forward in Spain proposes that national rigorous physical training shall be obligatory on both sexes, so graded as to suit all ages from infancy to adolescence, and to include musketry. The cost will be borne by a tax on theatre tickets.

The Poor Law Guardians at Aberystwyth, Wales, have equipped a casual ward, in which tramps are accommodated in separate cubicles. These are provided with electric bells to summon attendants. Spring mattresses, hot baths, and suppers are supplied. Meals may be served to inmates in bed.

Predicting a rosy future for the aeroplane, in a brief address at the Union League Club, Chicago, Sir Alan Cobham said: "Future generations will have the same mental attitude to flying that the man in the street has to-day to the automobile. Even laids now possess it to a considerable degree."

Mr. Ian Macpherson's jewels, valued at £3,000, which were stolen from his wife in the Riviera, disappeared from the famous "Blue train," on which, for the past year, there had been a puzzling series of robberies. The guard, Gobillot, and the assistant guard, Moury, were arrested early in the week. Mrs. Macpherson states that a pearl necklace, worth several thousands of pounds, was overlooked.

Ezekiel and Sons, of Raffles Square, claim that they have imported the largest telescope ever brought into Singapore, and probably Malaya. The instrument was imported by the order of a Chinese gentleman and is made by the Zeiss Company in Germany, and is of unusual interest. It is finely constructed, beautifully finished, and can easily be adjusted to the finest degree. Its highest power magnifies the object under observation by 390 times, and it is made especially for observing the stars.

"Noise is becoming a national danger, raucous music, loud speakers, gramophones are making life hideous, and medical men greatly fear that the nation will suffer from the present orgy of mechanical music," says Mr. Bowen Partridge, in an article on health. Periodical noise apparently has become a necessity in modern home life, causing nervous ailments, breakdowns, neurotic tendencies, and mental disorders, he says. Prof. or Burt, a psychological expert, is of the opinion that people crowd into dance halls and music halls, where they hear bad jazz.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. A. J. Pilgrim returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Katori Maru" after an absence of some months.

Lady E. Parlett is a through passenger on the s.s. "Katori Maru," which arrived here yesterday from Home and sailed yesterday for the North.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who is staying in Brazil as the guest of the Government, has received from a Brazilian admirer rather an embarrassing gift in the form of a live armadillo. Mr. Kipling kept the "pet" one day and then returned it to the sender with a letter, explaining that life in a hotel was "too terrible a fate for an armadillo."

At the exact hour of the first anniversary of her mother's wedding, Rosaline Haddon, daughter of Rosaline Courtneidge, the actress (who did not recover after the birth of her child), was christened at All Saints, Langham Place. Many women were in tears throughout the service. The child's godparents included the Duchess of Atholl, M.P., and Edgar Wallace, the novelist.

The toys with which the Prince of Wales played will be used by Princess Elizabeth. Her nursery, decorated in blue, was Prince George's room. The Princess in mail week revelled in Hyde Park's sunshine. She now takes a lively interest in her surroundings, particularly in dogs and horses, and her special favourite is the Duchess's golden Labrador dog. Her vocabulary thus far is very limited.

"I am not the world's greatest tenor," declared Mr. John McCormack, who, on his return to England to hold concerts, announced his determination to retire at 50. "I am merely one of them," he added. "The greatest has died, and the next has not yet arrived. The greatest all-round operatic tenor is Eddie Johnson, a Canadian. Thank God, he is an English-speaking singer."

Sir Charles Elliot, the first Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong University, paid the Colony another visit yesterday, but only for a few hours. In the morning he arrived on the "Katori Maru" and he had lunch at Government House with Sir Cecil and Lady Clements, sailing again in the afternoon. Sir Charles is bound for Tokyo, on a private visit to the place where he was H.M.'s Minister a few years ago, after leaving Hong Kong.

Mr. L. de Rome of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., returned to the Colony yesterday on the s.s. "Katori Maru."

After a business trip to the Dutch East Indies, Mr. T. King of Linotype and Machinery, Ltd., returned to Hong Kong yesterday by the "Katori Maru." Mr. King is an ardent yachtsman and swimmer.



Dr. Palmer H. Craig, head of the Meiyer University physics department, has invented an "extra-magnetic" detector and amplifier which will replace batteries and vacuum tubes in radio receiving sets as well as make them more sensitive and provide greater range.

The "President Lincoln" had a long passenger list when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday for Shanghai, Japan and Seattle. Among the passengers were the Rev. W. C. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Remedios.

Estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$348,100 was left by Mr. Chiu Tat-chun, former administrator, now having been granted to four surviving co-heirs on the revocation of probate by Li Shi. The legacies are all personal ones.

Captain H. P. Douglas has been promoted Rear-Admiral and Rear-Admiral J. E. T. Harper has been placed on the retired list.

According to a Paris correspondent, Mr. Frederick Almy, a millionaire of Long Island, New York, was married in the British Embassy Church to Miss Dibble, who was employed as a mannequin by Jean Paton, a dress designer. Mr. Almy saw Miss Dibble a few weeks ago, when she was displaying frocks at a dress show. Mr. Almy is the widower of Dowager Lady Michelham, who died on last New Year's Day at the age of 39. Miss Dibble is the daughter of a former British Army officer and is 23 years old.

A peacetime romance, involving the Earl of Shaftesbury's 26-year-old heir, Lord Ashley, and Sylvia Hawkes, a pretty cabaret dancer, occasioned a distressed father's dash by motor car through the darkness from Winborne, Dorset, to London, in the vain hope of dissuading his son. Starting at 3 a.m., the Earl reached town, to find a crowd outside the church. The bride and bridegroom appeared later, and the ceremony proceeded. The bride, who wore a handsome gown, signed the register as "Sylvia Ashley," and was obliged to sign again.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has left town on her annual trip to the Riviera, where she will stay with the Duke of Connaught at Cap Ferrat. The King's eldest aunt is, like her brother, very popular in the Riviera, taking an active part in her visits. It is difficult to realise that the Princess will be 79 in March, for she is so extremely energetic, and takes a vigorous interest in current affairs. A fact which renders her a particularly congenial companion for the Duke, who keeps in close touch with events in this country during his yearly stay in the South. (Observer's "Daily Chronicle" writer.) Brother and sister from childhood have formed one of those "pairs" which inevitably arise in large families, and since the death of the Duchess of Connaught and the Duke of Argyll they have drawn even closer together. The Princess is the only lady I think who has exhibited her paintings, and some of the excellent specimens of her work are at Clarence House, the Duke of Connaught's town residence.

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SPORTS SECTION

F. A. CUP.

Sixth Round Now Complete.

THE SEMI-FINALISTS.

London, March 9.
Replays to-day in the 6th round of the F.A. Cup (home team given first), resulted as follows:
Cardiff City 3, Chelsea 2.
Southampton 2, Millwall 0.

The draw for the semi-final on March 26 is therefore as follows:
Southampton v. Arsenal, at (ground not cabled).
Cardiff v. Reading, at Wolveshampton.

None of the four semi-finalists has ever won the Cup. Southampton have played in the final twice and Cardiff once. Reading have never got as far before.

Whereas there was a preponderance of division-II clubs in the 5th and 6th rounds, there are now only

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

Championship Won By An 18-Year Old Lad.

London, Feb. 20.
The amateur billiards championship of Great Britain, was won by a Yorkshire lad of eighteen, Lawrence Steeples, who defeated Cotes, of Cardiff, by 551 points in a match of 3,000 ap.

two left, Southampton and Reading. Arsenal and Cardiff are in the First League.

London's big contingent has also been depleted to one—the Arsenal. Last year the North of England had the final at Wembley to themselves but this year will see an all-South final.

5TH ROUND.

How The Various Clubs Fared Earlier.

The first brief notes to reach the "China Mail" about the 5th round of the F.A. Cup (played on Feb. 19) are reproduced below:

The weather was fine and enormous crowds attended the matches. Nearly 64,000 saw the Chelsea-Burnley match. The receipts totalled £3,937. Train and Wilding scored for Chelsea. A crisp game was played by Burnley, who deserved to draw.

At Bolton there was a crowd of 50,000. Cardiff were much better than Bolton.
At the Arsenal-Liverpool match there were 43,000. Brain and Buchanan scored for the Arsenal who were superior.

At Millwall, the gates had to be closed. Millwall scored three goals in brilliant style through Gomm, Black, and Chance. Middlesbrough missed two penalties, Cunnell striking the bar and Pease hitting the goal-keeper. Pease and Williams scored for Middlesbrough but the wonderful Millwall defence held out.

Rowley scored two goals for Southampton. Newcastle secured a penalty goal.
Fowler scored two goals for Swansea, who lost a two-goal lead.
Brentford were outclassed against Reading.

IN THE LEAGUES.

Results of Latest Mid-Week Matches.

London, March 9.
League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:

English League.

Division I:—Bolton 3, Burnley 1.
Division III (South):—Swindon 4, Brentford 2.
Scottish League.

Division I:—Aberdeen 0, Celtic 0; Aldershot 7, Duffield United 2; Dunfermline 1, Partick 1.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Replaying in the 4th round of the Scottish F.A. Cup, Rangers (on their own ground) lost to Falkirk by 0-1 after extra time.—Reuter.

CLUB RES. v. KOWLOON RES.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club Reserves versus Kowloon Reserves at Souk-poo "A" on Saturday March 12th, kick off 2.30 p.m.:
Slipper, Hill, Purves, Vickers, Walls, Punccheon, Campbell, Thompson, Pilo, Johnston, White.
Reserves:—Mitchell, Brown, Guxrie.

CALL OVER FIASCO.

NO OFFER ON LINCOLNSHIRE NATIONAL.

LAYERS IN A QUANDARY.

London, Feb. 21.
An attempt to-day at the Victoria Club to form a market on the Lincolnshire and Grand National ended in a complete fiasco in view of the existing betting tax.

No serious offers were made. Not a single penny was wagered. This is unprecedented in the history of the Victoria Club.

Many layers were present, but the explanation is that they are in a quandary as to whether they are liable to 3½ per cent. tax for exchange bets or a two per cent. tax for course transactions, as the Club consists of both starting-price layers and course bookmakers.

It is announced that lists of quotations will be issued shortly. [Note: The Lincolnshire spring meeting (3 days) begins on March 21.]

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

PRINCIPAL MATCHES.

London, Feb. 19.
The results of principal matches, played under Rugby Union rules to-day, are as follows:

Aberdeen 10, Gloucester 3.
Bath 18, Leicester 8.
Blackheath 10, Northampton 4.

Guy's Hospital 13, Plymouth Albion 6.
London Scottish 8, Bristol 3.
Newport 5, Cardiff 9.

Oxford University 20, Harlequins 31.
Rosslyn Park 23, Richmond 11.
St. Bart's Hospital 5, Old Merchant Taylors 0.

Pontypool 6, Cross Keys 3.
Edinburgh Academicals 5, Harpingtonians 16.
Glasgow University 10, Edinburgh Institute 9.

West of Scotland 15, Edinburgh University 37.
Edinburgh W. 9, Stewartians 19.
Glasgow Academicals 6, Watsonians 8.

CAPT. DOBBIE.

INTERPORTER GETS A CENTURY.

AND TAKES 6 WICKETS.

Captain A. G. Dobbie (2nd/K.O.S.B.), the Interporter cricketer, made a century and took six wickets on the Kowloon C.C. ground on Tuesday, enabling his Battalion to defeat the Royal Navy by 37 runs in division I of the Cricket League.

Scottish Borderers.
Capt. Thorpe, lb.w., b Hall 2
Lt. Hankey, b Beatty 5
Lt. Tregear, b Hall 8
Lt. Welch, b Hall 4
Capt. Dobbie, not out 119
Capt. Perfect, c Hunt, b Hall 0
Pte. Everest, not out 34
Extras 12

Total (for 5 wks., dec.) 185
Pte. Sawyer, Pte. Brown, Pte. Skiggs, Pte. Stock did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Beatty 13 2 43 1
Hall 16 5 58 4
Shaw 5 0 34 0
Sturges 5 0 25 0
Pugh 3 0 13 0

Royal Navy.
Lt. Sparkes, c Dobbie, b Hankey 5
Lt. Hunt, b Dobbie 27
Lt. Brewerton, b Dobbie 9
Surg. Comdr. Hall, c Stock, b Dobbie 6
Lt. Sturges, c & b Hankey 0
Rev. Venn, c & b Hankey 54
Lt. Dale, lb.w., b Hankey 1
Pay. Lt. Comdr. Shaw, b Dobbie 1
Lt. Pugh, c Brown, b Dobbie 36
Lt. G. Williams, not out 4
Lt. Comdr. Beatty, b Dobbie 0
Extras 5

Total 148
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 15 3 37 6
Hankey 18 0 75 4
Perfect 2 0 19 0
Thorpe 2 0 12 0

NAVAL CRICKET.

Yesterday the officers of H.M.S. "Despatch" lost to the ship's company in a cricket match. Scores:—

Officers (1st) 46 runs. (Lt. Robertson 14; Dart 5 for 7).
Ship's Company (1st) 59 runs. (Mid. Jago 3 for 2).

Officers (2nd) 76 runs for 6 wks., dec. (Lt. Robertson 26 retired, Pay. Lt. Jeffrey 22 not out).
Ship's Company (2nd) 89 runs for 6 wks.

\$50,000 PRIZE.

LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING CHALLENGE.

CANADIAN YOUTH BACKED.

Toronto, Feb. 20.

C. J. Brooks, the steam and motor car manufacturer, has deposited a cheque for 25,000 dollars in answer to a challenge by Mr. Wrigley, who offered to back George Young, the winner of the Californian swimming race, for a like sum against all comers, the winner to receive a prize of 50,000 dollars.

It is stipulated that the race be open to swimmers all over the world and be held on Labour Day of this year over a thirty-one mile course from Youngstown, New York State, to Toronto Exhibition Grounds.

CHAMPION WINS.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS, OPEN SINGLES.

Playing for the first time this season, T. Honda (holder) won his match yesterday in the Hong Kong C.C. tennis tournament in three straight sets.

Having lost last year to Yew Man-Kit, Ng Sze-cheung (who has



Senator George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, who is mentioned as the likely successor to Ben Johnson as president of the American Baseball League. The salary mentioned is \$100,000 a year. Pepper has represented organized baseball in much important litigation. He was defeated for re-nomination in the Pennsylvania primaries.

played at Wimbledon) reversed the verdict.

Yesterday's results (all in the open singles):—
T. Honda beat Capt. E. G. Howard, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Ng Sze-cheung beat Yew Man-Kit, 6-0, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.

Col. C. Russell Brown beat Lim Peng-chin, 6-2, 6-3, 6-8, 6-6.
Rev. F. P. W. Alexander beat Cheong Tuck-wing, 6-3, 6-4.

T. Ema beat Dr. D. J. Valentine, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
A. K. Mackenzie having left the Colony, concedes a walk-over to D. S. Green in the Club Singles and to R. L. Moncrieff in the Handicap Singles "B".

Matches down for to-day are:—
Open Singles (first round): M. W. Lo v. Major C. Willson; F. T. Orr v. C. C. Stark.

Open Doubles (first round): T. Ema and E. Edo v. F. J. Remedios and C. A. Barretto; L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Noyers v. S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (holders).

The General Purposes Committee of the Blackpool Corporation has decided to grant Mr. C. B. Cochran the free use of the Sports oval in Stanley Park. Mr. Cochran has asked for estimates for the building of a stadium there.—Reuter.

FREE GROUND.

VENUE FOR WORLD TITLE BOXING.

London, March 9.
There is every probability that the Tom Milligan (Britain) v. Mickey Walker (America) fight for the world's middleweight boxing championship will be held at Blackpool.

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NAVAL SOCCER.

Friendly football matches between Naval units yesterday resulted:—
H.M.S. "Wetherington" 2 (Gray, Boswell); H.M.S. "Bluebell" (Brothers) 1.
H.M.S. "Moorhen" 3 (Pugh 2 and Malcolm); Engineers & Stokers of H.M.S. "Hermes" 0.

HOCKEY CLUB WIN.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Hong Kong Hockey Club beat the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers by four goals to one. The game was very fast. The Club goal scorers were W. Woodward (2), Captain Walker and Capt. E. Jacobs Larkcom.

FLOWER SHOW.

(Continued from page 7.)

Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season and not included in classes 37 to 39 or 42 to 47:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer; Mr. J. A. Plummer.
Arum:—1 Mr. Allan Cameron; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Antirrhinum:—Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Begonia:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mrs. Murdoch.
Dahlias, other than Pom Pom:—1 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Hellebore:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2 Sir Robert Ho Tung.
Double Geraniums:—1 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2 Peak Club.
Single Geraniums:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Petunia:—1 Mrs. M. M. Murray; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Linnaria (half varieties):—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Verbena:—1 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Delphinium, and/or Larkspur:—1 Mr. Allan Cameron; 2 Mrs. Murdoch.
Phlox Drummondii:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell.
Freesia, white or lemon coloured:—1 Peak Club; 2 Mr. F. A. Perry.
Nasturtium (dwarf varieties):—1 Mr. W. H. Bell; 2 Peak Club.
Dianthus (including hybrids but excluding Carnation, Picotee and Sweet William):—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Carnations and/or Picotees:—1 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Maiden Hair Ferns:—1 Mrs. M. M. Murray; 2 Mr. E. B. C. Hornell.
Mignonette:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Sir Robert Ho Tung.
French Marigolds:—1 Peak Club; 2 Mr. E. B. C. Hornell.
Pansies and/or Violas:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Viola:—1 Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin; 2 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell.
Stocks:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Primula:—1 Mr. Allan Cameron.
Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Vegetables, Open (except Peak).

Collection of vegetables (not less than 6 varieties):—1 Hong Kong Club; 2 Mr. G. M. Shaw.
Savoy Cabbages:—1 Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2 Hong Kong Club.
Cauliflowers or Broccoli:—1 Mr. G. M. Shaw; 2 Kowloon Cricket Club.
Lettuces (cabbage varieties):—1 Shek O Club; 2 Mrs. Ho Fook.
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Endive:—1 Mr. W. Old.
Brussels Sprouts:—1 Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Vegetables, Peak Only.

Collection of vegetables (not less than 6 varieties):—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer.
Cabbages:—1 Mr. L. S. Greenhill; 2 Matilda Hospital.
Savoy Cabbages:—1 Matilda Hospital; 2 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell.
Cauliflowers or Broccoli:—1 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2 Mrs. R. M. Dyer.
Lettuces (cabbage varieties):—1 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Endive:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Brussels Sprouts:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Kohl Rabi:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Mr. J. A. Plummer.
Turnips:—1 Matilda Hospital; 2 Mr. Allan Cameron.
Carrots:—1 Mr. W. H. Bell; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Leeks:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer; 2 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Radishes:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Beets:—1 Mr. Allan Cameron; 2 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell.
Celery:—1 Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Tomatoes:—1 Dr. J. M. Sanders; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Peas:—1 Mr. Allan Cameron; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.
Vegetable Marrows:—1 Mr. R. E. Macdonnell.

Cup Flowers, open (except Peak).

Cut Flowers (not less than 6 distinct kinds):—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Sweet Peas:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer; highly commended, Lady Ho Tung.
Antirrhinum:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer.
Red or Pink Roses:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2 Mrs. Cho.

White or Yellow Roses:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Roses any colour:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Carnations and/or Picotees:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2 Mr. P. C. Potts.
Cactus Dahlias:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2 Lady Ho Tung; highly commended, Mrs. Ho Fook.
Dahlias other than Cactus:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2 Lady Ho Tung.

Mignonette:—1 Mrs. R. M. Dyer.
Nasturtium:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson; 2 Lady Ho Tung.
Pansies:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Viola:—1 Kowloon Cricket Club.

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Sweet Peas:—1 Mrs. Murdoch.
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Mignonette:—1 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Nasturtium:—1 Mrs. F. C. Hall; 2 Mr. W. H. Bell.
Pansies:—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer; 2 Mrs. Murdoch.
Viola:—1 Matilda Hospital; 2 Mrs. F. C. Hall.

Cut Flowers, Peak only.
Cut Roses:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Cut Flowers (decorative effect):—1 Mrs. H. W. Bird; Mrs. Harrington; highly commended, Mrs. Aubrey and Mrs. Black.

Cut Flowers (children between ages of 11 and 15 set up without aid):—1 Miss Dione Clementi.
Cut Flowers (children aged 10 years and under, set up without aid):—1 Master Ronnie Compton; 2 Miss Eleanor Hegarty; highly commended, Miss Daphne Bird.

Table Decoration:—1 Mrs. Aubrey; 2 Mrs. Hegarty; 3 Mrs. Peggy Bird; highly commended, Mrs. Black.
Cut Flowers grown by exhibitor:—1 Mr. R. A. Nicholson.
Bulbs (excluding Narcissus Tazetta):—1 Mr. J. A. Plummer.

Annuals or plants grown from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtium):—1 Mrs. Ho Fook.
Flowering plants of the same kind or variety grown from seed new to the Colony and/or not included in the Society's list:—1 Mrs. Dyer.

The M.C.C. made 252 for nine, including 37 by Wyatt, 65 by Tate and 47 by Earle.
It was dull cricket. Wazir Ali batted nearly five hours and Tarrant three.

Undeclared Record.
The M.C.C. preserved an undeclared record throughout the tour. A good many of the matches were drawn—generally in the tourists' favour—the fact that they were of the two day variety making it almost impossible to get a result. Of the two three-day matches against All India—the one in Calcutta resulted in a win for the M.C.C. by four wickets while the match at Bombay was drawn. The visitors defeated All Ceylon by an innings and 91 runs. At Rangoon the M.C.C. defeated All Burma by ten wickets.

India's High Standard.
Although the M.C.C. players may have been occasionally below form on account of constant travelling and a somewhat exacting fixture list, the tour has shown that Indian cricket is of a high standard, a fact to which Gilligan, the M.C.C. captain, bore tribute on several occasions.

Notable Indian players have been Wazir Ali, who is referred to above, Naidu, who made 163 for All India at Bombay—the highest score compiled in M.C.C. matches—and Deodhar, who made 148 for All India at Calcutta.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 10, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	10 5/8	10 5/8	10 5/8
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1050 b	1050 b	1070 b
do. London	£114 n	£114 n	£119 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	£21 n	£21 n	£21 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£31 n	£31 n	£31 n
do. C.	£13 3/4 n	£13 3/4 n	£13 3/4 n
P. & O. Bank	£9 1/4 b	£10 n	£10 n
Bank of East Asia	74	64 n	71 b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	\$560 n	650 b 650 s	\$650 b
China Underwriters	80 sa	85 cts s	80 cts s
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	140 n
Union Insurance	285 b & 285 s	285 b	285 b
Yangtze Insurance	\$35 M. n	40 n	40 n
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b	200 b	200 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 1/2 n	31 b	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	22 s	18 1/2 b 19 1/2 s	20 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10 n	2 1/4 n	1 1/4 n
Indo-China (Pref)	30 s	30 n	30 n
do. (Def)	40 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	08 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	10 1/2 n
Star Ferries	55 1/2 b	54 b 55 s	55 1/2 n
Water-boats	14 n	14 n	14 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	19 s	19 s
Malayan Sugars	34 n	33 s	31 1/2 b
Mining.			
Benguet	1.30 n	42 1/2 s	40 n
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 n	20 b	20 b
Langkats (Combined)	\$21 1/2 b	10 b	20 b
do. (Single)	11 1/2 n	10 b	10 b
Shanghai Exploration	T4 n	6 b	6 b
Shanghai Loan	T7 n	4 b	4 b
Raubs	4 s	3.40 n	3 1/2 n
Tromoh Mines	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 n
Ural Caspians	8 1/2 n	21 1/2 b	21 1/2 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	101 b 102 s	100 b 101 s	100 b
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	37 1/2 s 38 1/2 s	40 n
Hongkows	T150 b	5 1/2 b	5 1/2 b
New Engineerings	T52 b	102 b 103 s	102 b
Shanghai Docks	T10 b	102 b 103 s	102 b
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.65 s	7 1/4 b 7 1/2 s	7 1/2 s
Hongkong Lands	54 n	53 1/2 b 54 s	54 s
Hongkong Realty	5 1/4 b	6 1/4 s	5 1/4 b
H.K. Territorial	2 1/4 s	1 1/2 s	2 s
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b	13 n	13 n
Prince's Building	89 n	87 s	87 s
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	1 1/2 s	1 1/2 s
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	\$1 1/2 b	8 1/2 b	8 1/2 b
Oriental	T2 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54 b	54 b	54 n
do. (new)	T47 b	27 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	7 b	7.90 n	7 n
do. (old)	6 b	7.2 n	6 n
do. (new)	1 1/2 s	1 s	1 n
China Buses	9 1/2 n	13 s 13 1/2 sa	14.60 n
China Lights (comb.)	14 b & 14 sa	10 b	10 1/2 n
do. (old)	11 n	10 b	10 b
do. (new)	7 s	7 s	7 s
China Prov.	4 1/2 s & 4 1/2 s	4 1/2 s 4 1/2 s	4 1/2 s
Dairy Farms	17 n	17 b 17 1/2 s	17 1/2 s
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Amusements	18.60 b	18 1/2 n	18 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions	2.30 n	2.30 b	2.40 sa

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

THE STUDIO.

PORTRAITS OF AMBROGIO
ALCIATE.

The January edition of "The Studio" contains many interesting studies.

The portraits of Ambrogio Alciati have been chosen as the most outstanding feature. The rich expressive quality of this artist's work is shown to great advantage in the reproductions given.

A note of tribute is paid to the late Mr. Warwick Reynolds R.S.W. and four pencil studies show this artist's marked ability.

Some beautiful pieces of gold and silver plate belonging to the City Livery Companies are illustrated, and some wonderful embroideries, designed and executed in Germany, show the trend of "expressionism."

Beautiful gardens have a never failing appeal to the least artistic of us, and the two examples of Miss Brenda Colvin's designs all us with envy for their owners.

"The Studio" certainly deserves a word of commendation and will be appreciated by its many subscribers.

OSMAN DIGNA.

MR. H. C. JACKSON'S
MONOGRAPH.

The fine Colonial Service tradition by which an inquiring mind turns first-hand advantages to account for the writing of history in remoter fields has enriched the Empire with many a notable book, and in that long and worthy sequence Mr. H. C. Jackson's monograph deserves to rank very high.

A distinguished member of the Sudan Political Service, he has special opportunities for surveying those two decades of chequered conflict which laid the foundations of present-day prosperity in the Sudan and the Egyptian hinter-

'DRAWING & DESIGN.'

THE NEW WORLD OF
ART.

"Drawing and Design" for January, published by "The Studio, Ltd.", but dealing with a widely different school of art, contains some striking and altogether extraordinary examples of the works of various exhibitors in the New World of Art.

The various groups and landscapes depicted in this edition no doubt reveal some unique genius, but to those of us who admire beauty in form and colour it appears a mysterious medley of crude shapes and weird outlines.

The whole volume is devoted to this form of aesthetic art and is certainly interesting from the point of view of unconventionality.



Typical Cree Indians who participated in the massacre at Frog Lake

(Inset) Chief Big Bear

A unique and intimate record of the massacre at Frog Lake in 1885, at the time of the Canadian Northwest Rebellion has been given to Canadian history by William Bleasdale Cameron the sole white survivor of that appalling disaster. In a volume recently published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, Mr. Cameron recounts in vivid detail the events which led up to the attack, the bloody progress of the massacre, and his two months' experience as prisoner of the Indians. "The War Trail of Big Bear" is not only outstanding for its value as a historic record; it is a remarkably powerful and dramatic narrative.

Mr. Cameron was a young Government agent at Frog Lake when the massacre occurred. He describes the general restlessness of the Indians preceding the Rebellion which seemed as if the whole Middle West might be swept by the carnage of semi-savage rebels on the war path, then in its infancy stepped into the breach and sent troops to quell the uprising.

Big Bear, the old chief of the Cree Indians is a noble and pathetic creature, a lover of peace and a friend of the white man. He has little influence over the fiery and bloodthirsty members of the tribe, and he holds up his head, the most dramatic incidents in the book is his speech at the trial of the Indians following the massacre when eight of his band are sentenced to death. Dejected, lonely, shorn of his freedom, he was still able to hold up his head. He was still Big Bear chief of the Cree. And his plea was not for himself, but for his people—for his children, hiding in terror "afraid to show themselves in the bright light of day."

NOVELIST'S DEATH.

Mr. Alfred Ollivant.

Mr. Alfred Ollivant, the novelist, who died in January at his house in Evelyn Gardens, London, S.W., in his 83rd year, was born in 1874, the second son of Colonel E. A. Ollivant, Royal Horse Artillery, and grandson of a namesake, a former Bishop of Landaff, and came of an old Sussex family.

He was educated at Rugby, and decided on following his father's calling. He passed through the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, as winner of the riding prize, senior gunner, and Tombes Memorial scholar. He obtained his commission in the R.A. and went to India, but after two years service a riding accident ruptured his vertebrae, and, with a brief interval he remained for life little better than a prisoner to his bed.

After several operations and attempts to overcome this disability he took to his pen, and in 1898 scored an instant success with a romance about a sheep-dog. This went through several translations and many British and American editions under the title of "Owd Bob," and made him many friendships by correspondence with dog-lovers all the world over. He never repented this success with his later books, though "Danny," issued five years later, was a powerful attempt in the same vein.

His later novels ranged from Indian army life to East-end realism and the bucolic interests of his beloved Sussex; and though they forsook the rather difficult northern dialect of his first two books they never quite realised his ambitions.

land. He has held various appointments in this particular service, from deputy commissioner to provincial governor; and, as he says himself, there has been plenty of excuse for delay since he began the task, in the shape of arduous and responsible work in a climate which hardly makes for energy at the desk, so that thirteen years have not been too much, all things considered, to bring it to completion. Fortunately he has resisted the temptation of entering into a general history of campaigns and developments, so that the result is a monograph which adheres strictly to its subject. In one respect the author is fortunate, for the moment of the book's appearance is also the moment for taking stock of Osman's misdeeds and achievements. It is computed that he and his raids and jihads were evulsion of this part of the world from nine millions to three and a half. But, as Mr. Jackson shows, with a fine impartiality, there were points for admiration, in that desert warrior, and of his powers of strategy there can be no two opinions.

Sir Reginald Wingate's introduction is a handsome compliment to the book, and one that is well merited.

BIRTH CONTROL.

Valuable Collection of Papers.

Messrs. Martin Hopkinson & Co., Ltd., published on February 10 a valuable collection of papers bearing the title "Medical Views on Birth Control."

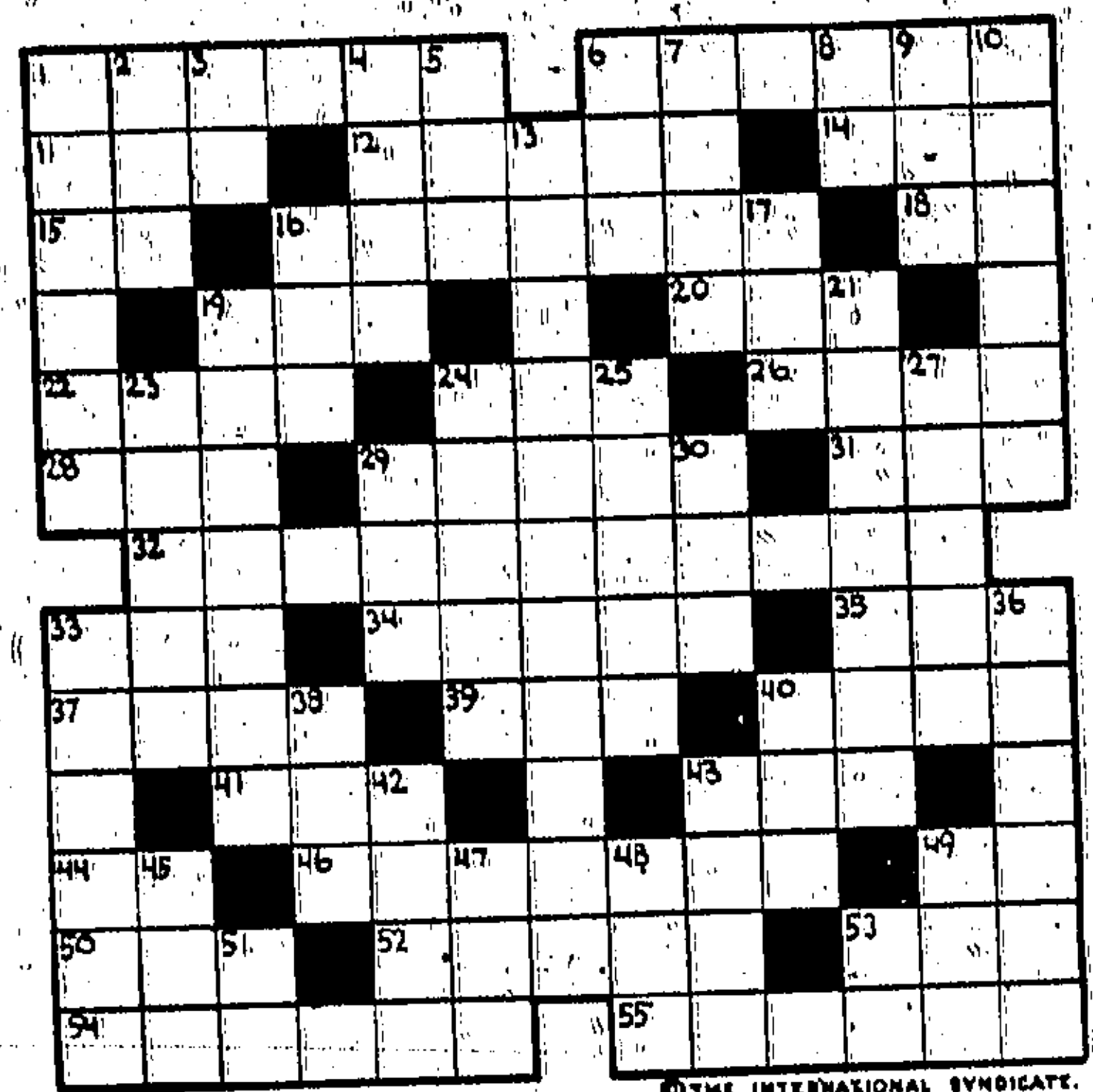
The volume is edited by Sir James Marchant and contains besides an introduction by Sir Thomas Horder, Bart., contributions from Mr. H. Crickton-Miller, Mr. Leonard Hill, Dr. Mary Scharlieb, Dr. A. E. Giles, Dr. R. C. Bult, Miss Letitia Fairfield, Sir Arthur Newsholme and Sir John Robertson.

The volume will be welcome as the number of medical men and women contributing to the subject in the past has been remarkably small.

Adventures and critical situations follow one another rapidly in "Vanneck," a first novel by Robert Grant. The title of the book is the name of a shrewd and humorous American who intervenes to help the hero in some of the apparently helpless difficulties in which he becomes involved. It is a breezy story, well told and will be published shortly by Mr. Murray.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, floor, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Accident
- 2-Dry measure
- 3-Man's name
- 4-Avance
- 5-Before
- 6-Man's name (short)
- 7-Omitted
- 8-Musical note
- 9-Defective shell
- 10-Accomplished
- 11-Check
- 12-Period
- 13-Long for
- 14-Fairy
- 15-African antelope
- 16-Man's name (short)
- 17-Sorrow
- 18-Consumed
- 19-Girl's name (short)
- 20-Greek letter
- 21-Child
- 22-Thus
- 23-Formerly

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 24-Bag
- 25-Existed
- 26-Musical note
- 27-Scheme
- 28-Myself
- 29-Unit of work
- 30-Convertible property
- 31-Abolish
- 32-Rage
- 33-A compound ether (pl.)
- 34-Period
- 35-Long for
- 36-Fairy
- 37-African antelope
- 38-Man's name (short)
- 39-Sorrow
- 40-Consumed
- 41-Girl's name (short)
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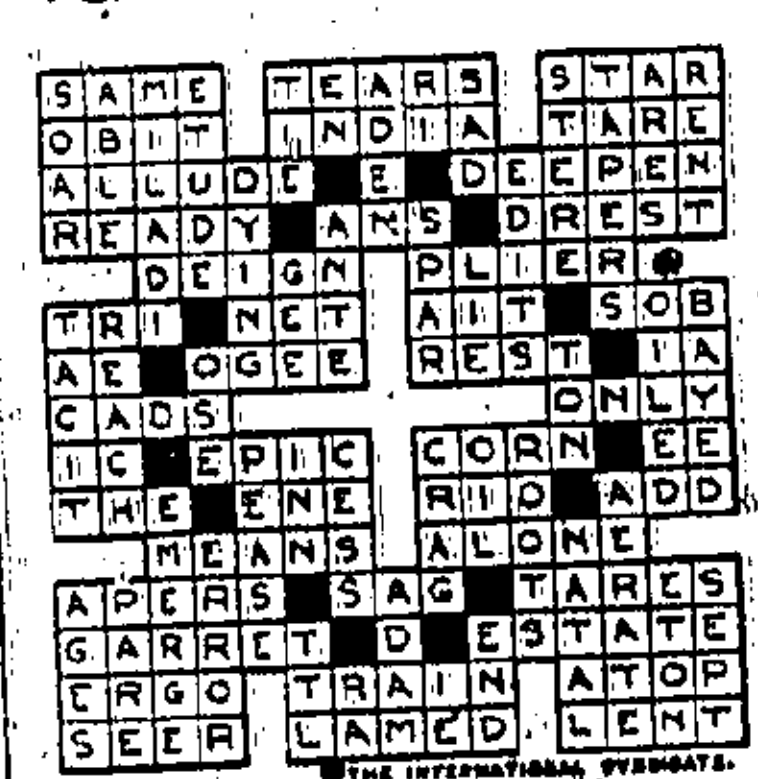
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-Recalling
- 14-Urge to pay
- 15-A plunge
- 16-A unlike
- 17-A meal (pl.)
- 18-Buy up
- 19-Man's name
- 20-Prank
- 21-Cozy retreats
- 22-Large deer
- 23-Expire
- 24-A fruit (pl.)
- 25-Greek city
- 26-Fap
- 27-Organ of head
- 28-Moltusk
- 29-Moisture
- 30-Solence
- 31-Beast of burden
- 32-Formerly
- 33-Bismillah
- 34-Leave
- 35-Exlet

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



Apart from Miss Strickland's monumental volumes very little has been written about the Queens of England. Mr. Murray, however, is shortly to publish a volume by E. Thornton Cook entitled "Her Majesty: The Romance of the Queens of England." In this work the author gives us vivid sketches, accurately but popularly written of all our Queens from 1066-1910. The work is illustrated with 28 portraits and is sure to delight everybody interested in English history.

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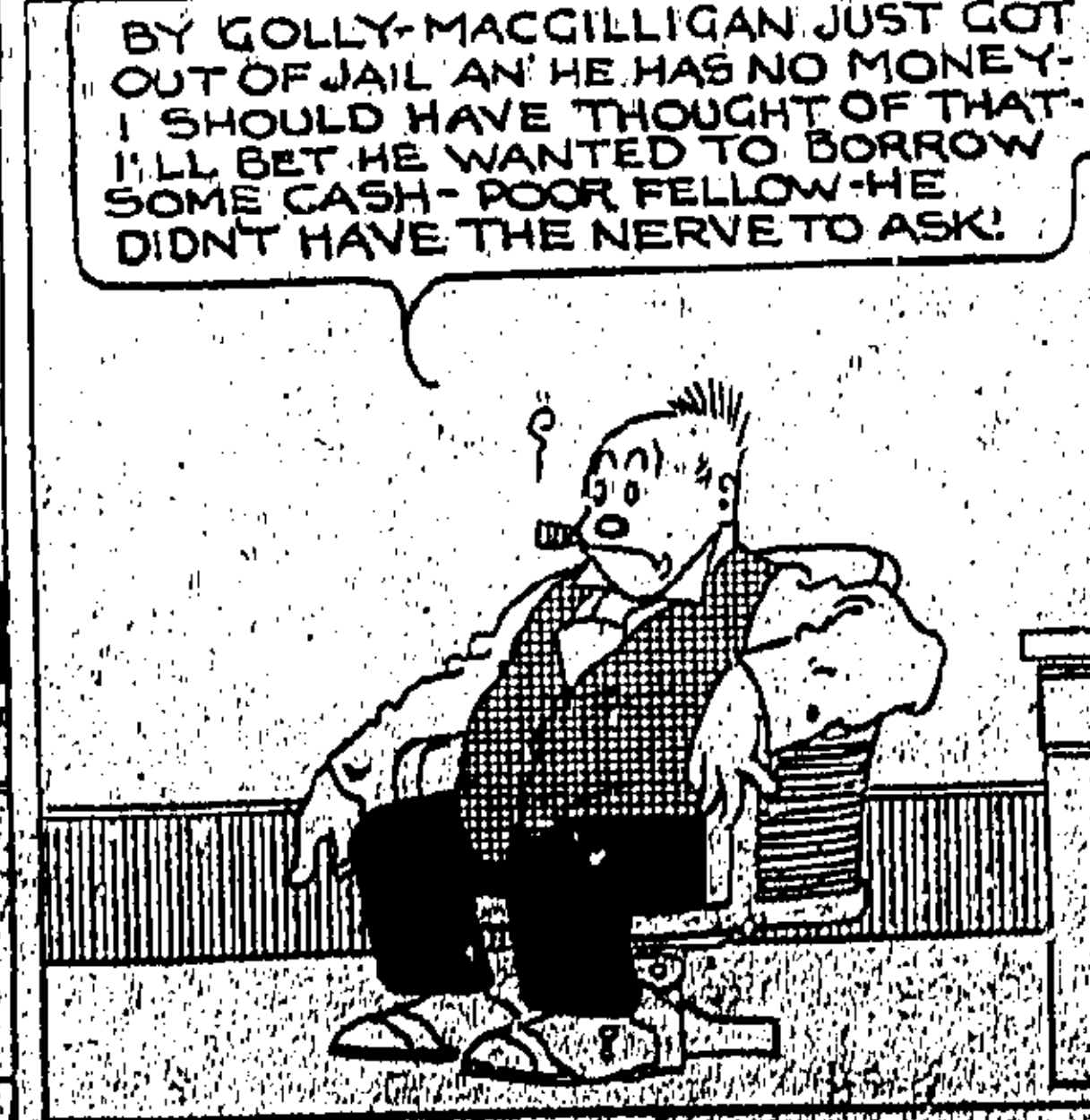
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

The Venerable D. L. Prosser was
consecrated Bishop of St. David's
Pembrokehire, at St. Asaph's
Cathedral.

It was reported to Glasgow Cor-
poration Housing Committee that
62 families were rendered homeless
by the hurricane.

Barnes Theatre, where many new
plays, afterwards successful in the
West End, have been produced, is
to become a cinema.

The fittings factory at the British
Thomson-Houston Company, Ltd.,
lamp works, Lower Hillmerton
Road, Rugby, was damaged by fire.

Owing to the increasing demands
on the accommodation it has been
found necessary to reopen condemned
wards in the Barnhill Poorhouse,
Glasgow.

For the official opening of the
Hare and Hounds Lodge of Froth
Blowers the Rochester justices
granted an hour's extension of the
liquor licence.

Though 20,000 tons of potatoes
more were exported in 1926 than in
1925, potato exports realised
£243,267 less, it was stated at a sit-
ting of the Jersey States.

The London County Council are
proceeding with the scheme for
widening Kensington High Street at
a cost of £451,000, work which is
expected to occupy 15 years.

Described as a British subject
residing in Paris, Litman Zwirn
was fined £220 and 25 sh. costs at
Folkestone for attempting to evade
Customs duty on 41 silk articles.

The baby daughter of the late
Mrs. Peter Haddon (Miss Rosaline
Courtneidge, the actress), who died
recently, was baptised at All
Souls' Church, Langhamplace, St.
Marylebone, W.

A signed autograph letter by
Lord Nelson from the "Victory,"
and dated Oct. 15, 1805, within a
week of his death, to one of his
captains, is to be sold among his-
torical documents at Messrs.
Sotheby's.

One of three men named Tol-
hurst, sleeping in a shed at Tilbury
Docks, awoke to find the shed full
of fumes, his brother dead, and his
father, who died later, unconscious,
the survivor, William Tolhurst, be-
ing admitted to hospital.

Mr. George Jarvis, aged 90, of
Spalding, Lincolnshire, an ex-
superintendent of police, has been
re-elected people's warden at the
local parish church, while as acting
town husband he also looks after
the affairs of a Spalding charity.

Mr. Edward Page Mitchell, a
former editor of the "New York
Sun," and an associate of Charles
Dana, has died at New London, Con-
necticut, from cerebral hemorrhage,
aged 74 years. Mr. Mitchell was
connected with the "Sun" for 50
years, becoming editor shortly after
Dana's death in 1897.

Rum and coffee saved the Empire.
If you don't want it bring it here.
—Mr. Registrar Friend at Clerken-
well County Court.

There had not been a conviction
for drunkenness in the area for
eight years, it was stated at Dym-
church (Kent) Licensing Sessions.

The speech of the Prince of
Wales at the banquet of the British
Industries Fair, at the Mansion
House on February 21, was broad-
cast.

Owing to a landslide between
Ardingly and Horsted Keynes (Sus-
sex), more than 350 tons from an
embankment blocking the down rail-
way lines, railway traffic was delay-
ed for a time.

The London County Council
Labour Party have decided to with-
draw the Party Whip from Mr. H. T.
Macdonald, a representative of
North-East Bethnal Green on the
council.

The Archbishop of Wales will
consecrate the Venerable D. L.
Prosser (Archdeacon of St. David's,
Pembrokehire) as the new Bishop
of St. David's at St. Asaph's Cath-
edral.

Mr. J. W. Smith, the Leicester-
shire miners' agent, with whom
local coal-owners have refused to
negotiate and who recently visited
Russia as secretary to the British
miners' delegation, has resigned.

Donald Thomas Heysman, 24,
insurance broker, of Palace Road,
Bromley, was found guilty at the
London Sessions of defrauding six
young women of sums of 5s. by
falsely representing that he was in
a position to offer them employment
as film actresses and was sentenced
to 18 months' imprisonment with
hard labour.

AIDS TO DIGESTION.

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Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kings-
Road, Shanghai.

Electric batteries weighing 8 cwt.
were stolen from a shop opposite
the police station at Slough, Wind-
sor, which was broken into.

Sir Herbert Stephen and Miss
Mary Cunningham, his first cousin,
were married at St. Michael's,
Chester-square, Westminster.

Mr. C. A. Longbottom, for many
years leader of the Liberal Party
in Basethlaw division, Nottingham-
shire, has joined the Conservative
Party.

Plans are being made for 500
Metropolitan and City police of the
Roman Catholic faith to visit Rome
in October, when they will be re-
ceived at the Vatican.

Missed from the Seaforth High-
landers' barracks at Aldershot, Mar-
garet Morgan, aged 8, was found 8
hours later asleep by the roadside
at Mytchett, Surrey—7 miles away.

"Twopence Coloured." Lord
Lathom's play, shortly to be with-
drawn, from the Prince of Wales's
Theatre, W., is to be succeeded
there by a revival of "The Rat,"
with Mr. Ivor Novello.

That the development of British-
produced pictures should tend to
improve the standard of films is an
opinion of the L.C.C. Theatres Com-
mittee which they have made known
to the Home Secretary.

Five hundred aircraft appren-
tices, between 15 and 17, are re-
quired by the Royal Air Force for
entry into the Schools of Technical
Training at Halton, Buckingham-
shire, and at Flowerdown, near
Winchester.

The "London Gazette" states that,
having been convicted by the civil
power, Capt. W. H. Hosking, late
temporary captain, R.A.S.C., and
Lieut. W. McC. Corson, late tem-
porary lieutenant, Res. Regiment of
Cavalry, are deprived of their rank.

By a decision of the umpire under
the Unemployment Act, 3,000
workmen at Nine Mile Point and
Risca collieries in Tredegar Valley,
Monmouthshire, who contended that
an agreement had been contravened,
have been awarded benefit as
from December 1.

Battersen Borough Council are
recommending their staff commit-
tee to increase the salary of Mr.
T. W. A. Hayward, borough en-
gineer and surveyor, and of Dr.
G. J. Lennane, medical officer of
health, from £1,000 to £1,200, and
of Mr. P. A. Bond, electrical en-
gineer, from £1,250 to £1,300.

"I've got no money and I want all
you've got," exclaimed a man who
entered the Strood (Kent) branch
of Lloyds Banks and threatened to
shoot Mr. Oswald Tunmer, the
clerk in charge. The latter notice-
ing that the "revolver" was a clay
pipe, threw a weight through the
window to attract the constable on
point duty outside, and before the
intruder could escape he was ar-
rested.

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From	THURSDAY, MARCH 10	Per
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For	THURSDAY, MARCH 10	Per	Time
Shigon	3.30 p.m.	Huaming	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	4 p.m.	Kochow	4 p.m.
Hohow & Pakhoi	5 p.m.	Jade	5 p.m.
Japan	5 p.m.	Cheribon Maru	5 p.m.
Formosa	5 p.m.	Benavon	5 p.m.
Java via Batavia	8.30 a.m.	Semarang Maru	8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong	9.30 a.m.	Tenn	9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	10.30 a.m.	Troilus	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 10 a.m.			
Letters 11 a.m.		Shirala.	
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Noon	Hai Ching	Noon
Sandakan	2.30 p.m.	Ta Chung	2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th April. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.			
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.	Kitano Maru.	2.30 p.m.
Saigon	10 a.m.	Szechuen	10 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)			
SUNDAY, MARCH 13			
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	8.30 a.m.	Hozan Maru	8.30 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	8.30 a.m.	Kalgan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow	9 a.m.	Kanchow	9 a.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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SMALLER NAVIES.

Britain and Her Building Programme.

DELAY UNTIL LATE IN YEAR.

Rugby, March 9.
The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Walter Ridsdale, was asked in the House of Commons whether any modification of the naval construction programme was proposed in view of the Government's favourable reply to President Coolidge's invitation to a conference on naval armaments.

He said it was not intended to lay down any of the vessels of the 1927 programme of new construction until late in the year and until the result of the conference was known. Work on ships now under construction would continue unchanged. — British Wireless Service.

Britain Ready.

Rugby, March 9.
Although the British Government would welcome the inclusion of France and Italy, if that were still possible in the naval conversations proposed by Washington, Britain will nevertheless participate in a tri-partite meeting with the United States and Japan immediately a date convenient to those Powers can be fixed.

Meanwhile as pointed out in the British reply to President Coolidge's invitation there is the question of co-relating the proposed conversations with the minor issues of disarmament which are under examination of the preparatory committee in Geneva. — British Wireless Service.

"Royal Indian Navy."

Rugby, March 9.
In the House of Commons, Earl Winterton, Under Secretary for India, in moving the second reading of the India Navy Bill, recalled that the Act of 1884 establishing the Royal India Marine, made possible incorporation in the time of emergency of its personnel and vessels in the Royal Navy.

This was done in 1914, and valuable and gallant service was rendered in every sphere of the sea conflict during the war. The question of reorganising Royal India Marine as a combatant naval service able to take its place among the other forces of the Empire arose after the war.

It was intended that the name of the new navy should be the Royal India Navy. Its function in peace would be the training of personnel for war, and the maintenance of services required at all times by the Government of India, such as survey work and transport work.

It would also organise the naval defences of Indian forces. Eventually it might undertake patrolling in the Persian Gulf, and thus relieve the officers and ratings of the Royal Navy of what was arduous service for Europeans. — British Wireless Service.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Two Warships Not To Be Modernised.

Washington, March 9.
The Secretary of the Navy has decided not to proceed with the modernising of the "Oklahoma" and "Nevada" because, although the Bill authorising the appropriations passed the Senate, the Bill to provide the necessary funds was lost in the orgy of filibustering with which the final session of the Senate closed. — Reuter's American Service.

NON-STOP FLYING.

ENGLAND TO CAPETOWN NEXT.

London, March 9.
The Air Ministry is planning to beat the world's record for a non-stop, aeroplane flight from Paris to Karachi and are sending two noted R. A. F. pilots in May next from Cranwell, Lincolnshire, to Karachi in a Hawker-Horsley machine, driven by a 700-horse power Rolls Royce "Condor" engine. A thousand gallons of fuel will have to be carried for a forty hours' flight. If the venture is successful it is possible that an England to Capetown non-stop flight will be undertaken. — Reuter.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES

MANY ARRIVALS, & SOME DEPARTURES.

LIFE ON THE ISLAND.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Cheung Chau, March 9.

There have been a good many departures and a few arrivals here lately.

Dr. Wright has gone to take charge of Dr. Todd's practice in Canton while the latter and his wife are away on "furlough." Mrs. Wright will follow in about two weeks' time. We shall miss the cheery presence of these hospitable friends.

News has come of Dr. Clift's arrival in Kungchau and all seems quiet there at present.

The Rev. and Mrs. Benson have left and have taken up mission work in Kowloon. As Mr. Benson took a large part in the maintaining of the religious and devotional meetings, he will be missed. The Rev. Woodward of the Baptist Mission is "enraving on."

The Rev. and Mrs. Millar of the New Zealand Mission left for their home on the "Tanda Maru," so that house No. 6 is once more vacant.

Shells from Gunfire.

The expected influx of missionaries did not take place as most of them have found occupation in the various missionary institutions in Hong Kong.

The Rev. Wilkinson conducted the service last Sunday and gave some interesting and helpful thoughts on the epistle to Philemon; he and Mrs. Wilkinson have left on a brief visit to Macao.

Building activities on the East ridge are much in evidence notably as Nos. 7, 11 and 13. Repairs at No. 19 have been completed.

No further developments have taken place on the site from which the ruined matted school was removed lately.

The plague of caterpillars continues and some efforts are being made to stem the ravages of these pests on the pine trees.

Some of the shells fired during the recent gun practice fell not far from the coast and alarmed some of the workmen.

MORE WORK.

HOW UNEMPLOYMENT IS DECREASING.

Rugby, March 9.

A further reduction of 26,500 in the number of persons unemployed in Britain is recorded in the latest weekly return of the Ministry of Labour.

The present number of unemployed is 1,169,500, which is 62,300 more than at the corresponding date last year.

When account is taken for the fact that nearly 100,000 fewer persons are now employed at the coal mines than a year ago, it will be seen that in industry generally unemployment is appreciably better than at the corresponding date of last year. — British Wireless Service.

COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE.

Geneva, March 9.

The Council of the League of Nations has decided to convene a conference on communications and transit on August 28. — Reuter.

One case of paratyphoid fever, Japanese, and one of small-pox, Chinese, were notified in yesterday's health return.

Chief Inspector Kent yesterday completed 37 years in Government service, 33 of which were spent with the Hong Kong Police Force.

Mrs. V. Riedler was yesterday fined \$8 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell for allowing her dog to be about without a muzzle.

A Chinese woman fractured her skull through a fall whilst attempting to alight from a moving tram car near the Central Market yesterday afternoon. She died in the Government Civil Hospital soon after admission.

For having failed to enter the name of guests in the register, the proprietor of the Sai Nam boarding house was yesterday fined \$50 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell. Accused's excuse was that he had been busy making preparations for his uncle's brother's wedding. — "China Mail."

KING'S TITLE.

Change to Fit the New Conditions.

PARLIAMENT ALSO AFFECTED.

Rugby, March 9.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks, in the House of Commons, moved the second reading of a Bill to bring the title of the Sovereign into consonance with the present constitutional position.

The Imperial Conference had unanimously agreed that with the King's concurrence the present style of

"George Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith and Emperor of India" should be altered as follows:

"George Fifth, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith and Emperor of India."

The Home Secretary said it was now a misnomer to talk about the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and it had been decided to alter the title of Parliament and make it "Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" so as to bring it into accordance with facts.

The second reading was carried. — British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED THEFT.

A YOUTH "LEFT TO FACE THE MUSIC."

SOLICITORS STATEMENT.

The case of alleged theft by two boys of a leather goods shop in Portland Street of 100 pieces of leather which they had taken delivery of from a leather dealer in Des Voeux Road was mentioned in Major Wilson's Court this morning.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada appeared for a Chinese charged with unlawfully receiving the stolen goods and asked for a date to be fixed.

The Magistrate fixed 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday next and allowed bail in the sum of \$250.

Later Mr. M. K. Lo mentioned the same case in which he was appearing for the prosecution.

On being informed that the case had been remanded, Mr. Lo made reference to a youth who had been arrested in connection with the case. This lad who was employed by the complainant as the cook's assistant was charged with larceny of the leather, but Mr. Lo said he thought it would subsequently have to be modified as the accused was merely an accessory before or after the fact. The fact was that the accused was sent with another man, who was trusted by the master of the complainant firm, to take delivery of the leather. He was merely to help the other man to pack the leather. Afterwards, on the way back they went to Mr. d'Almada's client and disposed of the leather, after which the older man decamped with the proceeds leaving the youth behind to face the music.

His Worship said the accused could be charged with aiding and abetting the other man.

Mr. Lo: Yes, something like that. Before they framed a charge against the accused, however, Mr. Lo would like him remanded in police custody for 24 hours to give the police and himself time to interview the youth. Mr. Lo explained that there was a possibility of the youth being used a Crown witness to prove guilty knowledge against Mr. d'Almada's client.

The application was granted.

INDIA AND THE LEAGUE.

New Delhi, March 9.

The Council of State by 25 to 18 votes carried a resolution urging the appointment of an Indian to lead India's delegation to the Assembly of the League of Nations at the next and all subsequent sessions. — Reuter.

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